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# Fire ban lifted

Angelica Blenich  
 Staff reporter

Haliburton County has received enough rain to satisfy the four municipal fire chiefs, resulting in an end to the countywide fire ban.

The ban was initially called on July 9 and officially called off on Aug. 10, making it one of the longest fire bans experienced in the county's history.

The decision to end the ban was made by the fire chiefs through phone calls and email, said Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell.

"We feel with the rain we have gotten the danger is less now," said Schell.

The week's forecast was calling for more rain, which added to the decision to end the ban.

"It makes our lives way easier, we field about 25 calls a day when it's on," said Dysart deputy fire chief Don Stephenson.

The ban meant no fires of any kind were permitted outdoors. As well, fireworks and cooking fires weren't allowed.

The restrictions meant an increase in questions and phone calls for each fire chief, who understands people just want to enjoy their vacation at the cottage.

"Who wants to have to say no to somebody? It's always easier to say yes," said Stephenson.

The deputy fire chief said he found the bulk of the municipality followed the rules of the ban, however, there

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## Cooling off

A water balloon toss participant feels the soaking of defeat at the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association regatta on Saturday, Aug. 4. The release and catch trophy, which was named and made in memory of Cal Moffat, was the prize. See photos on page 29. Darren Lum Staff



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## Woman charged with assault

A 19-year-old Port Hope woman was charged with assault, mischief and three counts of “fail to comply” following an incident Aug. 3. Bancroft OPP responded to a report of an assault on Wilderness Island Trail in Highlands East on Friday and found that the woman had assaulted another woman and also damaged property.

The Port Hope woman was held in custody pending a bail hearing.

## Correction

Some of the studios in last week’s story on the Highlands East Studio Tour were incorrect. Please see the corrected version below.

A - Studio B 1252 Twist Lane, Irondale

B - Shirley’s Mosaic Studio - 82 Alexander Dr. off Hwy 507 midway from Flynn’s Corners and Gooderham

D - Woon’N’Dreams, Maple Woodworking, 1191 Balmoral Lane, Gooderham

E - Highland Winds Studio, 1524 Ursa Rd, Gooderham

G - Highland Creek Studio - 1075 Linkert Rd, Wilberforce

J - Dreamweaver Country Boutique - 1151 Dark Lake Rd, Wilberforce

M - Flowertopis Studios - 14 Cross Rd, Paudash

# General manager takes position in Goderich

John Bauman, general manager of the *Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times* and *Bancroft This Week*, announced last week that he had accepted a position at the *Goderich Signal Star*.

He becomes publisher and sales manager for that paper, which is part of the Sun Media chain.

“I would like to personally thank John for his contribution to the *Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times*, *Bancroft This*

*Week* and *Barry’s Bay This Week* newspapers over the past few years. Although he will just be down the road in Goderich, I will miss having him on my North Central Ontario Group management team,” senior group publisher Cheryl McMenemy said.

The search is underway to find a new general manager for the papers.

## OHIP email a hoax: MPP

People older than 75 are still eligible for health care coverage under OHIP, Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal’s office states in a release issued last week in response to an email with false information that has been circulating in the Peterborough and Haliburton areas.

The information in the email is completely untrue, Leal’s office states, adding the email originates in the United

States and the doctor and medical centre referred to in the email are based in the U.S.

The email states: “Dr. Suzanne Allen, head of emergency services at the Wilson Medical Center in Toronto indicates as of 2013, no one over 75 will be given major medical procedures unless approved by locally administered Ethics Panels.”

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## Dry stone bench connects generations

Carol Finn commissions work to remember late husband

Jenn Watt  
Editor

There will be no plaque to spell out the significance of the dry-stone bench at the head of Haliburton's Sculpture Forest.

Even if there were, it couldn't encapsulate its meaning.

Spirit of the Wild, a granite seat amongst the raspberry bushes overlooking some of the most awe-inspiring sculptures in the forest, will keep its history to itself.

But that's OK.

Carole Finn, local artist and community booster, donated the bench in memory of her late husband Don.

The pair used to wander through the paths lined with artwork adjacent to Fleming College before Don passed away in 2008.

It was one of their favourite things to do together, and now the piece – both functional and beautiful – will serve to make others' experience more enjoyable.

"There will always be good vibes there," Finn said following the unveiling of the piece at the Forest Aug. 6.

"Don and I always wanted to do something in the Sculpture Forest and I got thinking about the bench," she said.

This is the second bench Finn has commissioned from local artist Aaron Galbraith.

Their connection is long-reaching and deep-rooted.

Galbraith, 33, got his start in stonework at the Finns' home, where he worked on their gardens.

He started with menial tasks when he was 15 years old

and was eventually given more responsibility.

One day they asked him to make a granite walkway and he took to it.

"They always told me it looked great," Galbraith said to a crowd of spectators following the unveiling.

Galbraith moved from a walkway to a more sophisticated type of work called dry stonework, where no grout or mortar is used.

Stones are fitted together so precisely that the end result is a sturdy wall, pillar or bench.

"Stone can be a very challenging [medium] to work with," Galbraith said.

It also jived well with Don Finn, a thoroughly Irish man, who loved stone and loved everything harkening back to the Emerald Isle, which is known for its stone-walls.

Measuring seven-by-three feet, the granite top weighs a staggering 1,400 pounds, with the many smaller rocks weighing 4,500 pounds.

Using hammers, chisels and "good luck," Galbraith laboured for the equivalent of seven days putting together the piece.

In its heart sits another nugget of significance: a mossy stone from the Finns' farm.

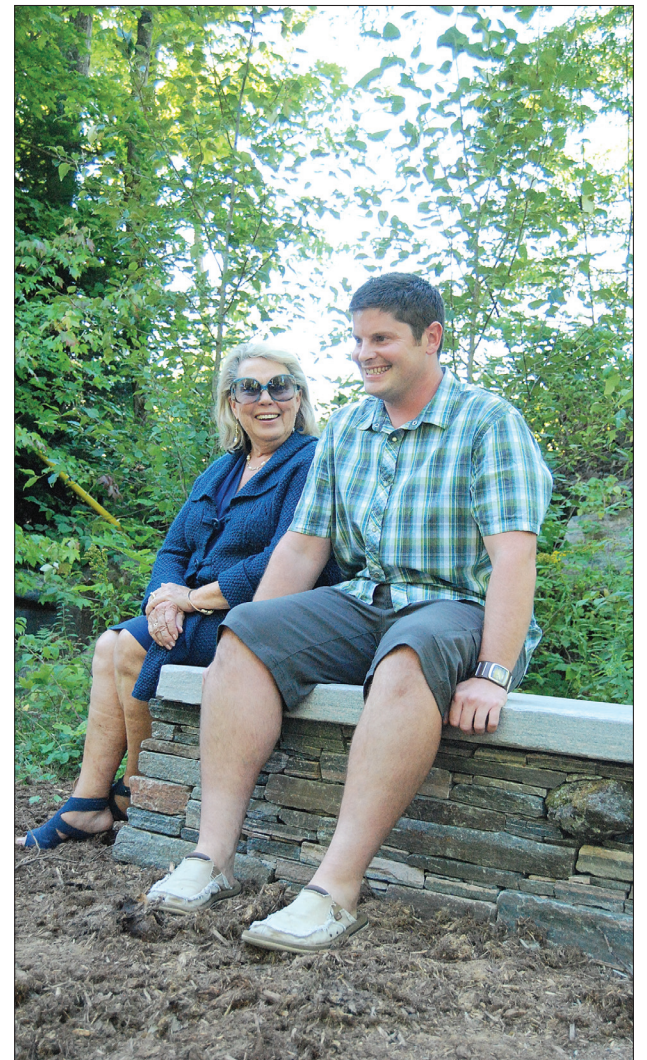
Their son, Eoin, came up with the bench's name, which Galbraith then interpreted.

When a person dies, their body is disconnected from the soul, he explained, the soul being what endures.

The granite that memorializes Don, then, is much like the soul. Enduring.

Jenn Watt Staff

Artist Aaron Galbraith sits with Carole Finn on Spirit of the Wild, a dry-stone bench Galbraith created. Finn commissioned the work for the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and it was unveiled Aug. 6. The work was made to memorialize Finn's husband Don. Galbraith started his career working for the Finns.



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# Council changes zoning for Tim Hortons

➤ Construction on restaurant now able to proceed

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Dysart et al council has finally given developers the thumbs up to proceed with a Tim Hortons in Haliburton.

After months of back and forth discussion council approved changing the zoning on the proposed property for the restaurant

from suburban residential to highway commercial.

The decision was made at a special meeting held on Aug. 7, where members of council unanimously agreed to approve the draft zoning bylaw.

Located on County Road 21, the property was subject to certain municipal bylaw criteria, including a minimum of 28 parking spaces. The draft site plan includes 29 spaces, said municipal planner Pat Martin.

A traffic engineering study was conducted by the Haliburton County roads department, which stated the Tim Hortons corporation would need to financially cover the cost of a right and left hand turn lane and for the road to be widened in front of the

restaurant.

The changes were necessary for safety reasons, according to earlier reports from county road superintendent Doug Ray.

Representatives for Tim Hortons have been in discussion with the department for the past few months, however, it is unclear what the final outcome was.

"I think Tim Hortons has come to an agreement with the county and will be supplying the money to do the work required," Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told council. Fearrey is also a member of the county's roads committee. Chairmen of the roads committee, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, said he wasn't certain if an agreement had been struck between Tim Hortons and

the county but he believed one had been.

Ray was on vacation at the time of press and the county was unable to comment on the matter.

Current property owner Jerry Walker was in attendance at the meeting and thanked council for their persistence and co-operation in the matter.

"I think it [Tim Hortons] will be a good thing for the town," said Walker.

The property on County Road 21 is deemed commercial, according to the municipality's official plan.

The change in zoning permits the developers to construct a drive-through, 24-hour Tim Hortons restaurant, complete with a patio and Cold Stone Creamery.

## Highlands East works on developing expansive trail network

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Laurelea Dirstein hops on her ATV and hits the trails.

Navigating her way through Highlands East, she, 23, loves being outdoors.

And she loves a good trail.

To top it all off, Dirstein is getting paid to do something she loves. Dirstein has been hired by the municipality of Highlands East as a student intern, splitting her time between the trails and business and economic development committees, both of which are newly created committees of council.

Funded by the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the full-time intern

position covers an eight month term, which began this past June. One of the first tasks assigned to Dirstein was to help develop the trail system throughout the eastern part of the county, making note of problem areas and ways the municipality could improve their own paths.

"We brought in community reps and started to talk about how we could bring forward trails in Highlands East in a way that would have general benefit to the community and tie in with economic development," said Highlands East Councillor Joan Barton, chairwoman of the trails committee. The new committees were an idea struck up by Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, who wanted to focus on areas of interest and importance for the municipality. The committee is com-

prised of volunteers from the community who have an interest in trails. As a result, the committee has taken on two projects, the smaller of which focuses on proposed recommended cycling trails. After seeking input into existing cycling routes used by people in the community, the committee came up with four tentative routes.

"Our goal is to get these cycling routes brought up to safe standard, identified with directional signage and promoted to the community within this year," said Barton.

Along with the HCDC funding, the committee has secured a \$20,000 grant from the Eastern Ontario Trails Association, to be used for trail repairs, signage and promotion.

Averaging around 20 kilometres in length, the routes have been scouted by Dirstein, who has an education background in outdoor tourism

"I've been out on an ATV, dirt bike as well as a peddle bike," she said.

The committee has been working in conjunction with HATVA, the Haliburton ATV Association and OFTR, the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, to clear the routes.

"We've gone out there and spent some time getting the trails to a safe travelling standard," said Dirstein.

The projects underway are not about creating new trails but repairing and enhancing already existing trails, said Barton.

"It's really about packaging and promoting an asset that already exists," she said.

"What we're doing is highlighting for people the linkages between municipal roads and rail trail and old colonial roads. We're connecting the dots ... that's the plan."

Once Dirstein got out on the trails she discovered there were about 10 problem points in total that needed to be addressed.

"They could be as simple as a trail being overgrown, to a section where we had a problem with beavers, to the point where they flooded the whole trail, so that people couldn't even traverse across it."

The latter problem was fixed by using seven loads of fill.

"Now it's beautiful. It's a nice trail and it's usable again," said Dirstein.

As a result of Dirstein's work, the trails are

now all marked, in terms of interior directional signage.

While working on this project the committee and Dirstein have hit some speed bumps, such as discovering in some cases land ownership to be different than assumed, said Barton.

Despite the delays the committee is confident three routes will be up and running before the end of the year. To date the established paths are located in Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham, with plans to develop the Cardiff and Highland Grove areas in the future. The trails are mixed use and welcome to hikers, cyclists and ATVers. Barton says the committee plans on promoting the routes primarily to cyclists and hikers, based on the fact their length is more suited for those purposes.

"They are public, so there will not be any forbidden use," she said.

When Dirstein is not out on the trails she's working on a trail maintenance guide and figuring out ways to help make the trails safer for everybody.

She's also up to her elbows in trail brochures, researching effective methods of how to promote the routes in Highlands East.

The intern believes the community and municipality is behind the project.

"I've had a lot of comments, from seeing people and families out on the trails, saying they really see how much work we've done out there," said Dirstein. "This is the perfect trail system. It just needs to be developed and we need the support behind it."

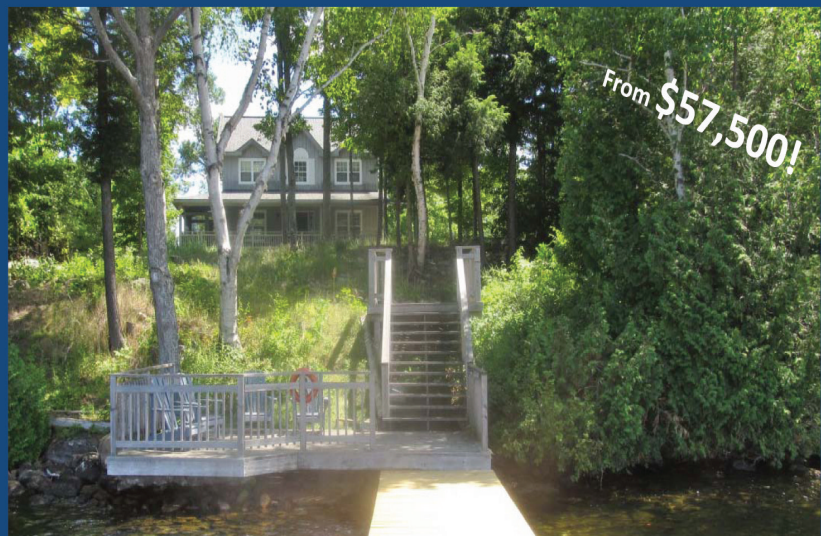
A much larger project the committee is hoping to achieve is the creation of a municipally managed off-road vehicle trail system, similar to the Hatfield-McCoy Trails in West Virginia.

"There are other municipally managed trail systems that have been quite successful, a local example is the water trails system in Algonquin Highlands," said Barton.

A project of that size and scope would require major planning, as well as public input. For now the municipal staff are proud of the work they've accomplished.

"It's a start for us, Rome wasn't built in a day. At least we're doing it," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

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# Month-long ban the longest in recent memory

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is always someone who doesn't comply.

"Somebody always says oh I didn't know ... you really wonder, it was posted everywhere," he said. "If the signs are up, the ban is on."

However some residents still chose to ignore the warnings.

"If they only understood why and not that we want to do it. I don't like going out from nine at night until one in the morning on weekends because people are burning, but that's what I did for the past three to four weekends," said Schell.

Schell has been with the department as a volunteer since 1989, taking over as chief in 2003.

He has never seen a ban last this long.

Normal fire regulations still apply and some areas are still quite dry, meaning caution should be used when burning, Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan stated in a press release.

Maughan thanked the public for their co-operation during the past month in keeping Haliburton safe.

"The department understands this has been difficult," Stephenson told the paper. "Please understand that part of the fire department's mandate is to minimize the risk of fire and a total ban was the only option."

There were five fires in Dysart during the course of the ban, however none was the direct result of disobedience, rather a factor

of the dry conditions, said Stephenson.

"I can't say that we had a campfire get away on us," said the deputy chief.

While the majority of Minden Hills was co-operative in adhering to the ban, Schell said there were still some who tried the department's patience.

During the month-long ban there were no major fire incidents in Minden Hills, but the department was kept active.

Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg says in his experience, municipalities avoid having bans that are not countywide, as it gets confusing for residents.

The drought conditions made for an unusually long ban, said Hogg.

"Even though there is significant rain now and it's hopefully soaking in, it was very, very dry ... it wouldn't take much to have us back up into extreme levels," he said.

While pressure from the public to lift the ban existed, the conditions prevented that from happening, said Hogg.

"It just takes a lot of rain to get down that far."

While the summer drought meant substantial dryness throughout the area, the fire chiefs remain optimistic there won't be a need for another ban in the near future.

"I really hope not but if we do get another two dry weeks we could be looking at another fire ban," said Schell.

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove has been keeping his eye on the long-term forecast, for fear the ban might have to be

re-imposed in the future.

Wingrove was happy with the way residents in Highlands East adhered to the ban.

"They self-policed almost the whole municipality, everybody who called 911 was concerned that somebody else had a fire," he said.

The department was kept busy, as the number of calls doubled during the month of July, however, incidents remained low.

"We had some fires from lightning but that had nothing to do with the ban," said Wingrove.

While there were no major fires in Algonquin Highlands during the ban, residents asked a lot of questions about it, which Hogg believes is a good sign.

"There were some innocent situations where people didn't realize there was a ban ... I was relatively pleased ... I think people did really well," he said, adding there were about 70 signs advertising the ban posted throughout the municipality.

The dry weather was a phenomenon experienced not just in the county but throughout the province, as neighbouring counties and regions were also issuing fire bans.

During the morning of Aug. 10 all four chiefs were busy removing the signs advertising the ban, with the signs in Dysart removed by 9 a.m., according to Stephenson.

"It's important to get the signs down just as quick as you get them up," he said.

All four departments stressed that while the ban had been lifted no daytime burning was permitted throughout the county, as is stipulated in bylaws in all four municipalities.

"It doesn't matter if there's a ban or not, there's no daytime burning from April 1 to Oct. 31 without a burn permit," said Schell.

Those who choose to risk it and light up during daylight hours could be facing serious fines, upwards of \$25,000, according to Schell.

"I could just charge them \$350 plus my time, or I could take them to court and it could be up to \$25,000," said Schell.

Aside from the financial factor, more important is the risk factor, with fires capable of getting out of hand very quickly.

On Aug. 9 fire restrictions had been lifted at Algonquin Park by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The park was under a restricted fire zone since July 18 due to extreme hazard conditions, according to a press release from the MNR.

On Aug. 10 Minden Hills was sitting at a high fire danger level, while Dysart was sitting at extreme.

One factor remains unanimous in that everyone is thrilled the ban has been lifted.

"I really do appreciate how important campfires and bonfires are to cottagers and everybody and are part of the camping experience. I really did hate to have to curtail it but it was just too dangerous to allow them, so we're anxious to be able to allow people to enjoy being up here," said Hogg.

## Dysart council awards streetscape tender

Angelica Blenich  
Staff reporter

Dysart council has approved a \$971,843 tender for the Highland Street streetscape project.

The tender was awarded to Fowler Construction Company Ltd., who submitted the lowest bid amongst four proposals, according to municipal public works director Brian Nicholson.

"We're trucking along here and making progress," said Nicholson, in regards to the streetscape project.

The work conducted by Fowler includes repair of three sanitary sewer laterals, the installation of two additional storm sewer catch basins, removal of sidewalk/curb and asphalt from the roadway and the installation of concrete pavers, new curbs and new roadway asphalt, Nicholson told the paper.

In addition the company will be installing bases for the pay and display parking units and replacing the retaining wall outside of the Haliburton Echo office.

With a start date of Sept. 4, the work is only scheduled to take place on weekdays, however, that could change once the work

gets underway, said Nicholson.

The streetscape has been on hold for the months of July and August, to accommodate the tourism season, which draws high traffic to the downtown core.

Councillor Andrea Roberts suggested business owners along the main street be kept informed of the projected work schedule, to which Nicholson said they would try their best.

"It is a construction job, there are going to be disruptions. We will do our utmost to minimize it, but at the end of the day there are going to be disruptions," said the director.

Construction will take place on Highland Street, starting at the new pole outside of the Haliburton Echo office, up north to the new pole in front of Subway restaurant. Parts of Maple Street and Cedar Avenue are also included, said Nicholson.

According to Nicholson the construction by Fowler is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 31, but he found this date to be unrealistic.

Logistics still need to be discussed between the municipality and the company, said Nicholson.

The tender amount excludes HST.

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With watercraft beached in fall, riverbanks flooding in spring and previously submerged rocks and stumps now jutting out of the water, the system can appear dysfunctional at best.

But look a little closer and a more complex problem comes into focus – one harder to solve and not so black and white.

This summer has been hard on our water levels; evaporation and lack of rainfall has limited the water the TSW can draw from the reservoir lakes.

Most of Haliburton County serves as the basin for the canals and locks to the south.

When our water is down, it puts strain on the entire system, as it relies on the reservoirs to serve all along the waterway.

To combat the problem, the TSW decided to drawdown, or take more water, more rapidly than usual.

Here's where the pain comes in.

Lakefront property owners watched in horror as water levels dove as many as six inches in a week.

Communication about the drawdown was late or non-existent and many ended up with exposed water lines, stranded boats and a fear for the

safety of boaters caught unawares of the lurking shoals and rocks much closer to the surface than is normal for July.

Their frustration is well founded and legitimate.

But there is another side to the story.

This system is 100 years old. It needs repair. It was never designed to deal with heavily populated lakes in need of stable water levels.

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We are not alone in the system; we are interconnected with many communities and ecosystems.

Does this mean we abandon efforts to "share the pain" along the TSW, as the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow asks? Absolutely not.

In fact, lobbying, petitioning and public campaigns are worth the effort and do make real change.

But we need to consider that we're one part of a bigger, if flawed, system that has existed for a century and will likely exist for another.

Painting this struggle as us-versus-them isn't constructive or accurate.

It's all of us together connected by the water.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



**Sky ride**

photo by Darren Lum

## Dragonfly gymnastics

*"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."* Hilary Cooper

American species of dragonflies, only 30 or so species are known to do this.

In hot weather they perch and raise their abdomens in an effort to reduce the surface area exposed to the sun.

It is so elegant and graceful and strong. When I looked at this picture (and you can see it on his blog) I immediately thought about the power and beauty of movement and of noticing the movement that is all around us.

Everything moves in many different and unique ways. None of us is meant to sit still forever.

Over the years, Peter and a whole group of us have gone on camping adventures and he has many pictures of us jumping off cliffs, paddling beside loons and making homemade cinnamon buns over the fire.

A few years ago 13 of us (six kids, seven adults) went on a camping trip to Grand Manan and Peter took pictures of all doing cartwheels on a beach – all together. It is such a great picture because we are all moving ... and some of the cartwheels are more professional than others, but it doesn't matter.

We were all happy and goofing around and he caught the energy in his pictures.

Dragonflies do handstands, I do a very basic version of a cartwheel.

It's all movement. It's all good for our bodies. And it's all about paying attention.

**I**HAVE A FRIEND, Peter Rasberry, who has been a friend for over 20 years.

We visit him and his wife and daughter in Waterloo and Tobermory, they travel here to be with us in beautiful Haliburton, and we go on adventures to Killarney, Temagami, Grand Manan, etc.

We have many years of outdoor adventures together. The title of this article comes from his blog (Peter is an outdoor educator with the Waterloo Board of Education and he has a blog to tell stories and share his incredible photographs with interested folks). His blog is [outdooredguys.wordpress.com](http://outdooredguys.wordpress.com).

Peter is an avid naturalist and a gifted photographer. It is his passion. He finds the beauty through the lens of his camera. His pictures often take my breath away. This week he arrived at our home for a visit and showed me a recent favourite picture of his. It is of a dragonfly that appears to be doing a headstand (I think it is doing a handstand.)

The picture is stunning.

The dragonfly is balancing on its six legs. It is doing yoga! This pose, of being in a headstand/ handstand – in odolingo (dragonfly language) it's called obelisking.

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# points of view

## Olympic fever

**"I** JUST DID the dishes," I said eagerly. "What do you want, a medal?" she replied. "Well, it wasn't my best time," I shrugged, "but I think that my finish is worthy of a bronze."

Of course, I was being modest. The cutlery was shiny, the glasses were spotless and the pots gleaming – plus, I took 4/100ths of a second off of my previous best. If I wasn't awarded at least a silver for this effort, something was very wrong with the judging.



**Steve Galea**  
Loon Tales

"Look Steve," she said, "the Olympics are over now. I think it's time you faced that."

"I know the Games are over," I replied. "And I know you think that I got a little too wrapped up in them, but I didn't. Now, are you going to accompany me to the podium or not?"

Minutes later, after putting a footstool and two phone books back where they belonged, I faced facts – there would be no medal this time.

OK, like so many people around the world, I really got caught up in the Olympics. But isn't that what it's supposed to be all about? Aren't they supposed to motivate the common man to do better, aim higher, go faster? And not just at crowded public urinals during half-time either.

No, the Games challenge us to excel throughout the trials and tribulations of everyday life too.

And, as anyone who saw my gold medal performance in laundry bin basketball knows, I took that message to heart.

Sure, I didn't get everything right. Yes, my understanding of the phrase "Olympic movement" was somewhat off, but, fortunately, I caught my mistake in time and flushed. The point here is that I was inspired to do better in every facet of my everyday life – not just there.

Now, the Games are gone for another two years and I'm not afraid to admit I will miss them.

Because of those Games, I can now justify sitting at the front of my canoe and yelling at my partner to paddle a little faster; because of those Games, and perhaps my home-made pommel horse, I now walk in a funnier, faster way. Because of those Games, I now know that you shouldn't try to create a large flame inside a building for a prolonged period of time.

But, you know, I have learned so much more than that.

Now, I don't get too upset when Jenn beats me at Scrabble, though I still believe that she should be tested for steroids. I have also learned that, if you are going to intentionally lose to get further ahead, you should at least try to do it in a convincing manner – just like I did three Scrabble tournaments in a row. That's right Jenn, all three.

I guess what I am saying is that I thoroughly enjoyed and learned a little something from every aspect of the Olympics and I am having a hard time letting go of them. For, in those Games I saw the best (women's beach volleyball) and the worst side (some camera angles in men's wrestling) of humanity.

And now it's over. Despite what Jenn says, I have faced that.

The sad part is that I didn't get closure. And, you know, I probably never will, so long as the Spice Girls ignore my invitation to attend the Closing Ceremonies I have planned.



### pic of the past

**V**ictoria School Grade 3 class 1949. Back row boys, from left to right, Wayne Hussey, unknown, Carl Kirkpatrick, Alan Hoxie, Mevin Elstone. Middle row boys (inset) Blake Coneybeare, Bruce Bounsel, Wayne Emmerson, Murray Pearson, Eric Howe, unknown. Front row boys, Delmar Newman, Glen Bird, Ed Burke, unknown, Dave Bishop and Bob Austin. Back row girls, from left to right, Phyllis Taylor, unknown, Shirley Tetro, unknown, Irma Bird, Carol Roberts, unknown. Middle row girls, Francis Roberts, inset unknown, Marilyn Hussey, Donna Webb, Dorothy Glazebrook, unknown, Kaye Hodgson, unknown, Marie Cowan. Front row girls, Faye Walling, Carolyn Brennan, Sharon Parish, Sylvia O'Neil, Brenda Lynn Austin, Brenda Watt, Linda Whittaker and Wendy Bishop. Submitted by Ed Burke.

### letters to the editor

## Humans becoming a nuisance

**To the Editor,**

*Re: letter "Geese becoming a nuisance," Echo Aug. 7*

Unfortunately this is typical of many people today when it comes to wildlife. "We're here so you should leave!" Conspicuous by its absence is any suggestion of what he thought council should do or for that matter, what other peopled lake would welcome them with open arms. I would note that around my place, its not the geese, but the flock of wild turkeys that descend to pillage the bird feeder, and leave an abundant supply of large black land mines in their wake, but my trusty shovel clears the way!

Now imagine for a moment you are a goose and your kind has been here for thousands of years. Then along comes us. Clearing land building roads, all sorts of annoying things to the goose I am sure. Then there are our droppings, even the most isolated pristine places we have been are littered with Tim Hortons cups, cigarette butts, and debris of every description. Imagine how he feels about all those lead sinkers and buckshot pellets poisoning the water he lives in, and all the pollution from the septic systems and oil spills, and toxic chemicals fouling his habitat. Bet you if he could talk he would be making a presentation to council that something should be done about us! Oh my gosh, the traffic had to wait a

see WHAT'S page 8

## Waste of water

**To the Editor,**

I have read with interest the many articles regarding the low/high water levels on our lakes. As having previously lived on Drag Lake I can appreciate the problems that are faced by those with properties on lakes.

On July 19, we were down to Fenelon Falls and decided to have lunch at a restaurant overlooking the locks. We watched as one lock was lowered and another raised watching to see what was coming through. What we saw was a small fishing boat with three kids and dad.

The amount of water used to lock through this boat is tremendous and makes one wonder how many other similar incidents occur during a day.

Would it not make more sense to hold a lock until there were several boats ready to lock through? With the low water levels in our feeder lakes is this not a waste of our water?

**Art Ouellette**  
Drag Lake

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# letters

## What's the rush?

from page 7

few moments for the geese to pass. There seems to have been a lot of that in the city this year. Police and motorists stopping traffic while shepherding a gaggle of geese across the expressway. If we are driving at the speed we are supposed to, stopping shouldn't be a problem, and maybe we could all benefit from pausing for a moment to reflect. At least the geese have more brains than those in downtown Toronto who drive into intersections on a green light when they know they will get stuck there and block everyone else when they get a green light.

My suggestion here is if you are walking in the danger zone of the geese's habitat, slip on a pair of those rubber puddlers they sell for dress boots, and unfurl an umbrella lest one in flight drops his load! Better safe than sorry, I say!

Keith W. Stata  
Kinmount

## Red oaks at risk

To the Editor,

Want know a little secret? Red oaks are very difficult to regenerate. Maples and other shade loving trees on the other hand grow like weeds in the forest. The red oak does not like shade. Over 90 years ago, forest fires burned in this area, clearing the forest so that oaks that have very thick bark and better able to withstand fire damage could grow in the open.

I have been told that before the railroad came through, white tailed deer were uncommon in this area. They migrated here along the rail beds. White tailed deer like to eat young red oaks as well as acorns. These two factors alone are the major reason for the lack of red oak regeneration. We have changed the rules of the game (no forest fires and a healthy deer population).

Red oaks are unsurpassed as a food source for 20 to 30 species of wildlife that depend on them. This year because of the dry conditions, many acorns have fallen from the trees undeveloped. Squirrels can carry acorns up to 200 metres from the tree to bury them; blue jays can bury them up to four kilometres away. We need a healthy population of red oaks to be parents to future generations.

We have a problem; do I dare say the red oak is a species at risk? We are members of the natural world and if we lose one member we all lose!

The MNR has proposed that from 2016 to 2021 the forest in question that we have a 21-year mining lease on (Greenmantle Farm Mineral Eco Tours), will go under the loggers' chainsaws. This forest contains a number of red oaks. I can see no evidence that this forest was ever logged in the past, although the MNR ringed some trees in 1984 to improve the stand on the Crown lot and our bush. This 100-acre Crown lot is land locked and protected by high hills that would have made logging with horses difficult. That is why it is still here. That is why I feel it needs to be protected because of its rarity in the Haliburton Highlands. For a second opinion Google: "red oak regeneration" and do some reading. I will be leading two free tours to see our managed lot as well as the Crown lot with the red oaks. Come see for yourselves what I am talking about, and sign a petition if you wish in support of saving the old red oak forest. Tour dates: Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m and Oct. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Please call to reserve a place as numbers will be limited: 705-448-3948 There will also be a forest tour during Hike Haliburton Sept. 20 to 23 date and time TBA. Place: Greenmantle Farm, 1984 Essonville Line, Wilberforce.

Visit our Facebook page: Save the Red Oaks in Highlands East for photos and make comments. Help us save the old red oaks! Make a difference take a stand!

Mark Bramham  
Greenmantle Farm

## Senseless act of vandalism an insult

To the Editor,

On Wednesday of the week prior to the August Civil Holiday weekend, the Community Centre Road in Gooderham was re-surfaced with cold-set materials. This was done with major commitment from both the Highlands East roads department and our fire department. It was a pleasure to see the pride that they had in a job well done.

On the Friday night of that same week, one or more persons on off-road vehicles chose to prove that any worthwhile project can be ruined. They did doughnuts on the parking lot in front of the McCausland Centre until they broke through the freshly sealed surface. The negative impact of this senseless act of vandalism is not restricted to the damaged parking lot but includes the fallout that comes from it.

For one, it will take scarce public tax dollars to repair the current

damage before it destroys more of the parking lot. Secondly, it is an insult to the pride and commitment of those people, who worked so hard to ensure that the much-needed work was completed in a cost effective manner. Unfortunately, what is equally sad is that the blame will be placed on all off-road vehicle operators rather than the individuals responsible for the damage.

This act was not the result of the average off-road vehicle operator. Simply put, this was the work of vandals who chose to use an off-road vehicle as a weapon, rather than a rock, a knife or a gun, to cause senseless waste.

Vandalism is a criminal offense and should be treated as such. I strongly request anyone who knows what happened in Glamorgan Park, or of any other similar act, to report it to the authorities.

Cec Ryall  
Gooderham

## Ban fireworks in Haliburton for good

To the Editor,

I have been a seasonal resident in Haliburton for the past 24 years. Although change is inevitable, not all change is necessarily for the better such as the increasingly frequent and annoying and even dangerous use of fireworks.

Although I prefer to experience the peace and quiet and sights that nature affords, I appreciate that others may differ and that compromise is part of living close to others. I have learned to endure the annoyances of blaring music, a roaring early-morning chainsaw, ATVs roaring back and forth, etc., but only subject to reasonable limits. What is reasonable is relative and somewhat personal, but for this part of the province that prides itself and promotes itself on its connection with nature ("A Natural Work of Art"), the widespread use of fireworks is neither reasonable nor even appropriate. It just does not make sense.

At one time, it could be expected that only the July 1 and perhaps the May 24 weekend would give rise to the inevitable fireworks displays but now it has become a rampart activity occurring at any time, mostly on any weekend. The fact that local stores carry an inventory throughout the year feeds this behaviour. The very qualities that make the Haliburton area so appealing – the quiet at evening, the clear night skies, the abundance of nature – are all despoiled by the indiscriminate use of fireworks. Fireworks shatter the stillness of the evening (and sometimes sleep), startle wildlife, ruin the night sky and pose a obvious fire hazard. It certainly is a major distraction for many who come to the area to enjoy what it naturally offers. Fireworks and a natural Haliburton evening at lakeside just do not go together, any more than dumping oil in the Gull River.

The personal use of fireworks other than around July 1 or May 24 appears to be a distinct habit of non-permanent residents. I am amazed how people behave when in Haliburton, unlike how they would in their own city backyards or neighbourhoods, mostly regarding noise and fireworks, as if being away from home is a license to let loose without regard for where they are or who is nearby. There is a certain lack of respect towards others inherent in the use of fireworks; exploding fireworks on a still evening, particularly lakeside, is just not compatible with the outdoors Haliburton experience for most people. Away from the white noise of urban life, fireworks have a much greater and disruptive impact in cottage country as they can be heard and seen much more emphatically.

The long August holiday weekend was a godsend with its fire ban. It was the first long weekend that I can recall when I did not have to endure (almost) the local nuisance of fireworks though unfortunately I had to suffer until 11:15 p.m. Sunday night with the sounds of a live band that could be heard clearly from its source a mile or two away and later some distant fireworks (despite the fire ban in effect).

Serious thought should be given to banning in Haliburton the use of fireworks except perhaps on May 24 or July 1 weekend or as part of a sanctioned municipal/civic activity or celebration. Even then, there is nothing sacred about July 1 or May 24 when it comes to fireworks near a lake or forest. Such a ban should cover their sales in local stores, maybe even ban sales. It is of no use banning their use if fireworks are readily available as that makes it easily for people to ignore any ban.

Garry Lamourie  
Toronto/Haliburton

## The price of rice in Haliburton

To the Editor,

It is a conundrum to me at the price of food in Haliburton, and the variation from one week to the next. How is it that one week chicken could be on sale for \$1.99 per pound, then the following week be on sale again for \$2.99 per pound and the week after that be regular price of \$3.99 or \$4.99 per pound? Is there any rhyme or reason? Can't blame it on fuel prices, even they don't fluctuate that much! Why is it \$22 for two mediocre steaks? And here is a kicker, why is chocolate milk on sale every third week for \$1 a litre, when white milk is that price once or twice a year? Is their more refining done to white milk as opposed to chocolate milk? Or maybe chocolate milk comes from a special cow that eats less hay and grain? Seriously! Is there any logic to this price gouging? If there is I can't see it!

I don't think this is only upsetting the locals. When I walk through the grocery store I can hear the tourists exclaiming their disgust over the prices. I wouldn't blame them one bit if next year they stocked up on food before they left the city. I know I would!

If somebody had a cargo van they could probably start a lucrative business from just buying meat in Peterborough and selling it up here in Haliburton and the surrounding villages, it's all about supply and demand! In closing I would just like to ask if anybody else in Haliburton County feels the same way as I do about this? Or if anybody can explain the massive price fluctuations of everyday shopping with some semblance of logical clarity, then please do!

David Hall  
Haliburton

# Health care integration process begins

Jenn Watt  
Editor

The hospital might be the first place you think of when someone says “health-care,” but it is far from the only provider in the county.

Hospice support, care for seniors and family practitioners or specialists are all part of a web of services provided by different agencies working independently from one another.

It’s a web the Ontario government wants to map and pull more tightly together through “integration planning,” a process designed to find efficiencies and improve health-care access.

Meetings between five Haliburton County organizations started in May with the goal of ironing out a plan to better interweave the services offered by each.

“I think it’s really, really important for people to understand that there are no preconceived notions. This is an evolutionary process. The team here in Haliburton is responsible for designing that Haliburton model. They will design it based on what they know [is] currently available, what should be available and what the community is telling them,” said Katie Cronin-Wood, the communications lead for the

Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN).

The CE LHIN oversees, and allocates money to, health-care organizations throughout the region in an area stretching as far south as Scarborough and as far north as Haliburton.

The province has mandated that each of the 14 LHINs in Ontario undergo the integration process.

Involved in Haliburton’s version are Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Community Care Access Centre, Community Care Haliburton County, the local Family Health Team and SIRCH Community Services.

“It was always expected that we’d be hearing from the LHINs regarding integration,” said Community Care Haliburton County’s board president Jeanne Anthon.

“We’ve been firmly told by the LHINs that this is not about cost cutting ... it’s about maintaining services and improving them,” she said.

The five service providers have been asked to first create a picture of what services are currently provided.

From there, the groups will seek input from staff, stakeholders and the community on what could be done more efficiently and a plan will be created.

That plan will go to each organization’s

board of directors to be accepted before going to the CE LHIN for final approval.

If the boards cannot agree, the LHIN will make that decision for them.

(CCAC and the Family Health Team are not under the governance of the CE LHIN.)

“The big thing is, it’s not a secret. This is not being done behind closed doors,” said Cronin-Wood.

She stressed that the process was to be designed in Haliburton County with the community’s needs in mind, including area-specific concerns such as the large seniors demographic and fluctuating population levels through the tourist season.

While efficiencies are being sought in the process, HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush said he doesn’t expect any staff reductions as a result.

“The whole purpose of the process is to investigate how collaboration can improve the continuum of care for patients and clients. As the various organizations deliver different services it is unlikely that redundancy will be found and that savings may come from other areas,” he wrote in an email to the paper.

The integration planning team will determine what changes are made to Haliburton’s services.

Anthon said she doesn’t yet know what

integration might look like, but gave some possible examples.

“There are areas that we can look at for front office or back office integration,” she said.

Rosebush added others: “Integration is another word for formal collaboration and it could in theory mean sharing administration and back-office support, or facility space, and leadership and governance. The best outcome for an integration of organizations anywhere would be better community planning and a better delivery of services.”

Anthon agreed with that sentiment, saying a “better one-stop shopping” experience in health care could help county residents.

She hoped the process would bring a strengthening of services currently available.

“We hope that everything that happens in the future will only strengthen our ideals here in helping seniors stay in their homes,” she said.

In the fall, the planning team will be seeking input from the community. More information can be found on the CE LHIN’s website: [www.centraleastlin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlin.on.ca). Click on “resource documents” on the left side of the screen and then choose “integration.”

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# Rotary Carnival Parade a community celebration

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Richard van Nood is happy with this year's turnout to the Rotary Club parade on Aug. 8, despite the wet weather.

Event lead and Rotary Club of Haliburton past-president, van Nood reflected on his second crack at the often-anticipated summer event.

Hundreds lined Highland Street. Despite the billowy grey clouds, smiles flashed across the crowd. Horses, vehicles and people marched and rolled their way through. Led by the convoy of emergency service vehicles, the parade was heard from the wail of the pipes by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, the bugle and beat of the Kawartha Kavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps, and the whistle and boom of the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes Marching Band.

There were 27 parade floats in the living healthy and active themed event. This beats last year's participation of 22 floats.

Although he was disappointed by the lone entry for the decorated bicycle, van Nood was pleasantly surprised by new entries such as the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and Don Freeman and his miniature horse.

The best float in non-commercial category belonged to the Haliburton Scout Reserve's army of members dressed as fruits and vegetables, which flexed their muscles and beat on members dressed as a giant doughnut and can of cola.

The best float in a commercial category was by Haliburton Timbr Mart, which had a float of the Highlands, complete with children and signage of local attractions, encouraging the healthy options for fitness.

Both won cash prizes along with the second place non-commercial float.

Parade notables: The Eagle Lake Farm came second followed by Recreation, Powersports, Marine-Haliburton in the commercial float category while Haliburton Dance Academy finished second in the non-commercial float category followed by Youth Unlimited.

Carnival notable: Carmen Webster of Haliburton won the Rotary Car Draw.



**Darren Lum** Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes Marching Band's drum major, Jon English, salutes the crowd during the Rotary Carnival Parade on Wednesday evening, Aug. 8. The community marching band is led by bandmaster Nick Chumbley. Hundreds lined the street for the annual summer event.



The Haliburton Dance Academy dancers perform during the parade. The theme was living healthy and active in the Highlands.



Six-year-old Murray Schaffer of Calgary enjoys the Fun Slide ride.



A midway ride is a blur of lights at the Rotary Carnival in Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Wednesday, Aug. 8. Crowds were steady despite the intermittent rain.



Curran siblings Matilda, 6, left, and Tadhg, 3, of Toronto wave to their mother from the mini-jets ride.



Don Freeman with his miniature horse.



The Emmerson Lumber team, left, leads the Rotary Club of Haliburton and Haliburton Lumber during the Rotary Voyageur Cup Challenge on Head Lake on Wednesday, Aug. 8. Rotary won with a time of 8:58. This event raised \$800, which will send local children to an area camp.



The Haliburton Fire Department drives the finish line in the Voyageur Cup Challenge. The fire department finished third behind Emmerson Lumber. Rotary won the event with a time of 8:58.



The Rotary Club of Haliburton canoe team stand with the Voyageur Cup Challenge trophy.



The Haliburton Highlands Health Services canoe team show spirit during the Rotary Voyageur Cup Challenge.

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# County needs marketing strategy: consultant

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands need a marketing strategy.

This was one of the conclusions from a report by consultant Jim Blake based on a tourism town hall meeting he conducted at the Haliburton Legion on May 7.

Blake presented his final draft report to members of Haliburton County's tourism development committee at an Aug. 8 meeting.

"There's no document that says, 'this is our marketing strategy,'" Blake told councillors. "Most of the components are there, it's just a matter of sitting down and creating it."

Also, Blake said stakeholders need to better organize themselves.

"Haliburton County does not have a stakeholder group . . . an organized stake-

holder group," Blake said, adding that while individual stakeholders and committees do communicate with the county, there is no formal group that speaks on behalf of all stakeholders.

The town hall meeting in the spring had 65 participants who provided input on how the county should go about marketing itself and evaluated the effectiveness of tools such as the visitors' information centre, the county website and destination guide, social media and consumer shows.

A solid destination brand and a better website were a couple messages that came from that meeting and Blake had presented preliminary findings to committee members at a June meeting.

Some of the recommendations from the meeting have already been given to the sub-committee working on new websites for the county and to Parker Pad & Printing, which is creating the 2013 destination guide.

"They felt strongly there needed to be a



**There's no document that says, 'this is our marketing strategy.'**

— Jim Blake

tourism information centre," Blake said, adding that some felt an upgraded centre would be of use.

"I think the exercise was a good one," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, adding that it validated some of the methods the county uses to promote the Haliburton Highlands.

Her colleagues – the committee consists of the four reeves – agreed the process had been a worthwhile one.

However, Reid didn't find value in

expanding the visitors' centre, stressing that what the county needs to do is get behind a digital marketing strategy aimed squarely at its target audience.

"Advertise the county to people in the GTA who can come up here," she said, calling for the county to hire an agency and decide on a plan. "We need to get out of talking to ourselves."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey agreed that an enhanced visitors' centre would do nothing to actually bring people to the area.

"You're already here then," he said. "That's not going to get them to the county."

"We've already known for a long time what we need to do," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

Blake, who was paid \$5,000 by the county to conduct the meeting and provide followup, will be finalizing his 30-page report.



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# Cutting the drive out of the doctor's visit

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

You seldom hear a health-care provider say she needs more patients, but in the case of telemedicine co-ordinator Shelley VanLieshout, that's exactly what she's looking for.

New money has been allocated to area hospitals to promote telemedicine, which allows patients to connect with doctors, psychiatrists and specialists remotely without costly and time-consuming trips to city hospitals.

The challenge is getting people to use the service. "We'd like to get six to seven consults a day," chief nursing officer Deb Watson says.

Last year, the health-care corporation – including Minden and Haliburton hospitals, mental health services and long-term-care homes – had used the services about 50 times.

It's a number VanLieshout is determined to boost.

One of 20 nurses across the Central East Local Health Integration Network tasked with running and promoting telemedicine to patients and health-care providers, the nurse with 18 years of experience in Haliburton is reaching out and educating people about the service.

"We're educating patients to ask their specialists about OTN [the Ontario Telemedicine Network]," she says.

Equipment exists throughout Haliburton Highlands Health Services, allowing patients to have real-time meetings with doctors outside of Haliburton.

Hospital patients, emergency room visitors, residents at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest, patients without doctors and patients needing specialized care are all able to access the service. (Haliburton's Extendicare also has equipment.)

At Haliburton's telemedicine suite, there is a large TV screen, with a video camera on top.

There's plenty of space for a hospital bed to be wheeled in or for a patient to demonstrate a movement disorder by striding in front of the camera.

The hope, Watson says, is to upgrade the equipment so a mobile unit can be taken to patients' beds.

"We're hoping through the LHIN we can upgrade," she

says.

At mental health services in Minden, a screen has been set up in front of a plush couch.

"It's like a cozy living room," Watson says.

If fully embraced, the service could drastically cut expenses for patients and hospital alike.

When a patient is transferred to another facility for a non-urgent matter, the cost of the vehicle is absorbed by the hospital.

When a nurse accompanies that patient, that means one fewer staff in Haliburton or Minden, caring for patients.

"Transportation has always been a rural challenge," Watson says.

Patients have been overwhelmingly accepting of the new technology, often expressing relief that a five-minute appointment can be dealt with in just five minutes locally, rather than taking an entire day factoring in the drive.

Telemedicine isn't only about video chat with doctors; it can also include sending high-resolution images to specialists.

A service called "telederm" allows photos of rashes or wounds to be sent off to dermatologists for consultation.

VanLieshout takes the pictures and sends them off to the specialist.

"In their own time they can diagnose," she says.

Diagnosis can come back in a week, rather than the six to 18 weeks one might wait for an appointment.

Funding for a telemedicine nurse is guaranteed for one year and can be extended if it is deemed HHHS is using the service enough.

In some areas, even more advanced electronics are being used in emergency rooms, with burn victims and with youth in psychiatric crisis.

Watson and VanLieshout are hopeful about this county's telemedicine future – with more physicians accepting the technology and more patients aware of its availability, they expect demand to go up.

Watson encourages patients to discuss telemedicine with their doctors or specialists. It is available in most hospitals and can save time, money and hardship.

"We want to ensure we're able to provide services to the community," she says.

"It just makes so much sense."



**Jenn Watt Staff**

Telemedicine co-ordinator Shelley VanLieshout demonstrates the suite at the Haliburton hospital on Aug. 8. Appointed to co-ordinator position in March, one of VanLieshout's goals is to let people know they can talk to their doctor remotely, without the lengthy drive to the city.



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# Children benefit from mobile learn-to-sail program

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

A blustery wind moves the trees lining Kennisis Lake on the shoreline of the Windermere Cottage Resorts and it's easy to feel why sailing is being taught here.

Through the co-ordination by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association, children and youth from eight to 14 were harnessing the wind and reading the waves during their intensive one-week introduction to sailing offered through the learn-to-sail Boom Mobile Sailing School.

Boom is a skill based program that offers three levels (Sail 1/2/3) of certification determined by exercised ability. Courses usually run from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adult classes are offered in evening hours or outside of the day program.

Students are children from eight to 14 and learn the various nautical terms, boat safety, rigging, knot tying and reading the wind.

There are three mobile teams (one of which is for disabled sailors) that travel to different places through the province over eight weeks. The Laser Pico sailboats and lifejackets are provided for the program.

Sailing on the open water gives children a unique set of skills and freedom to grow as people as much as in sport, Jim Prince of KLCOA said.

"The most important thing is they have fun," he adds.

Prince said it's a great opportunity to not only educate young people and to enjoy a water sport, but to help give participants confidence.

He applied for the program for the association and said this was the second consecutive year it was offered on the lake. Prior to last year the lake hosted the program 10 years ago.

The KLCOA billeted the instructors and also provided a barbecue for the children.

Although some participants like 11-year-old Whitby resident Blanca Keohan, who was happy about being free of her parents, may not appreciate the depth of the learning experience until much later.

It is an Ontario Sailing not-for-profit volunteer organization offering, which promotes and actively develops boating and sailing. Boom started more than 30 years ago and has taught more than 30,000 people to sail.

Instructors Ryan Good and Alex Hamilton, who have racing and instructing experience, both started young and believe this program is great for beginners, as it focuses on keeping the experience fun and practical.

Hamilton said sailing is a technical sport so it's good to just get beginners on the water quickly.

"It's good to just jump into it. They pick it up better," he said.



**Darren Lum Staff**

Above, boom instructors Alex Hamilton, left, looks over at Ryan Good, who shows how to right a sailboat when it capsizes during a brief theory lesson before the afternoon sail for the Ontario Sailing learn-to-sail program offered at Lake Kennisis on Thursday, Aug. 2. This program was open to children from eight to 14 and lasted one week.

Above right, a trio of sailers makes their way to shore during the learn-to-sail program offered by Ontario Sailing through their Boom Mobile Sailing School on Lake Kennisis.

Right, the last sailboat launches from the shoreline for a lesson in capsizing during the week-long learn-to-sail program offered on Lake Kennisis from July 30 to Aug. 3. This Ontario Sailing offering is open to children eight to 14 and provides lifejackets and the sailboat.





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# Fleming art auction helps send students to school

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Supporting local art and investing in a community can go hand in hand.

This was proven at the annual Haliburton School of The Arts faculty art auction, where more than \$18,000 was raised through a silent and live auction on Aug. 9.

Proceeds of the event go directly back into the school through scholarships and bursaries, helping students attend arts programs at the Haliburton campus.

"It was a great success and on par with last year ... it represents amazing support from our community and faculty. We are so very lucky in Haliburton," said college principal Sandra Dupret.

The principal went on to add the funds raised will assist in students pursuing a post secondary arts education in the upcoming year.

More than 100 items were bought, ranging in hand blown glass pieces, jewelry, paintings, housewares and clothing.

During the event Dupret thanked the artists for donating pieces, saying every year the faculty contribute.

The unique works of art were donated by artists that are or who have been members of the school's faculty.

For more information on the college visit [www.fleming-college.ca/school/haliburton-school-of-the-arts](http://www.fleming-college.ca/school/haliburton-school-of-the-arts).



Angelica Blenich Staff

Volunteer Noelle Dupret-Smith shows off a sterling silver pendant with pearl created by Michaela Wolfert to those in attendance at the Haliburton School of the Art's annual faculty art auction on Aug. 9.



Haliburton School of the Arts principal Sandra Dupret holds up a blown glass platter created by Sheila Mahut during the college's annual auction. The fundraiser brought in \$18,000 through a live and silent auction, proceeds of which will go to creating bursaries allowing students to attend the school.

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# Rapidly dropping water levels raise concern

Jenn Watt  
Editor

A drop in water levels on most of Haliburton County's lakes is a perennial concern; as fall approaches, the Trent-Severn Waterway draws down the water, usually leading to beached boats and unhappy lakefront property owners.

But this year is different, stakeholders say, for the way water has drastically dropped much earlier than is normal.

"The only people currently feeling the impacts of the dry weather are those in the reservoir and the flow-through lakes," says Chris Riddle, co-chairman of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow and a member on the TSW's water management advisory council.

According to Riddle, the canal lakes at the lower end of the system are operating with normal, if not excessive, amounts of

water, while the reservoir lakes drop several inches a week.

The situation was so frustrating that the CEWF issued an open letter to the central Ontario field unit superintendent of the TSW saying their advisory committee "is of the opinion that the action taken commencing July 16 to effect an accelerated drawdown of the reservoir lakes is premature and unwarranted."

On Boshkung Lake, Sandor Toth is frustrated by the drawdown, which he calls a safety concern.

"A lot of shoals and rocks are exposed," he said.

"You have to be a careful boater, but [boaters are] just not used to the drastic drawdowns."

Toth has lived on Boshkung, a reservoir lake, for three years and before that Halls and Maple lakes.

He said he has come to expect fluctuating levels, but the last two years have been



**We know from past experience once you get down below the minimums ... you start running into drinking water quality issues.**

— Roger Stanley

"drastic and erratic."

To measure just how quickly water dropped, Toth planted a pole in the water outside his home and marked the change over the summer.

Between May and the end of July, the water dropped 26 inches, according to his gauge, six of those inches happened in one week.

Residents were having trouble getting their boats off lifts and several had their water intake lines accidentally ripped out.

Toth contacted political representatives, but found them to be powerless in getting change with the TSW.

"The No. 1 thing [for the TSW] is they're focused too much on supplying the Trent canals with water," he said.

The system needs to take into account the needs of the property owners around the reservoir lakes as much as those in the lower end of the system, he said.

He advocated the reeves of the county's four municipalities get together to put out a cohesive, powerful message.

"One voice of several people getting together ... is going to be far more effective than just one reeve speaking out. That's where the coalition has been excellent, they've been a voice for us," he said.

Canal operations director Roger Stanley sees the problem differently.

Over the 28 years he has been working on the TSW, Stanley has seen major fluctuations – floods and droughts alike.

He sympathizes with Toth and Riddle, but said there is more to the waterway's operations than just moving boats through locks.

"We never drew more water than was required to only maintain the minimum approved flows of the Trent Severn Waterway," he said.

And when he speaks of the waterway, he doesn't just mean navigation.

"We know from past experience once you get down below the minimums ... you start running into drinking water quality issues," he said, noting that thousands of people get their water from the TSW.

The volumes of water necessary also contribute to how quickly water must be drained from the top of the system to the bottom.

By the time one pail of water from Ken-nisis Lake makes its way to the canal lakes, half is lost, Stanley said.

Water flow is needed to maintain spawn-

ing beds; if water is held back in the reservoir lakes, the beds downstream can dry up.

Slow water also means public beaches have to close – one thing Stanley is willing to accept.

"We'll risk beaches, but we won't risk drinking water," he said.

Following the CEWF letter, a meeting was called by the TSW's water management advisory council, where Stanley explained to the group the challenges he and his staff faced during one of the more dry summers in recent memory.

Riddle was one of the members at the meeting and said it clarified some points, while leaving some issues unresolved.

"The way they operate is they have not even considered using the discretion we think they have to limit levels in the actual canal portion," he said.

Meanwhile, the coalition is asking that even lower levels be considered.

Riddle said his group continues to be frustrated that the TSW won't develop better policies to "share the pain" of the drawdown more evenly from the north to the south end of the system.

He also pointed to studies done on better managing the system, which he has seen in his time with the management council, that have yet to be released to the public.

Parks Canada cuts are also a concern for the coalition, Riddle said, with recent announcements of lessening of staff and hours.

"We are concerned that the way the cuts are being handled is clearly going to have an impact on water management," he said.

It is still unknown whether staff in Haliburton will be cut, though the union representing TSW workers anticipates there will be layoffs.

Stanley would not comment on how the reduced hours and staff would affect the county's reservoir lakes.

The manager said he was well aware of how painful it can be when a reservoir or flow-through lake drops suddenly (he lives on one in the Kawarthas), but said the TSW is a 100-year-old system that doesn't offer many alternatives.

"What we're being asked for is surgical water management and we have caveman tools," he said.

With the recent wet weather, the drastic drawdown has slowed and all along the system are praying for more rain into the fall.

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### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### SCHEDULE...PLAN YOUR WEEKEND!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2012**

4:00PM ..... Fair Opens  
 4:00PM-8:00PM ..... Exhibit Building Open (Minden Curling Rink)  
 5:00PM ..... Hospitality Tent Opens  
 5:00PM ..... Mechanical Bull (Hospitality Tent)  
 6:00PM ..... Grandstand Entertainment Begins

6:00PM ..... Horseshoe Tournament Registration  
 6:30PM ..... Mutt Show  
 7:00PM ..... Opening Ceremonies  
 7:30PM ..... Pony Pull Begins

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012**

9:00AM ..... Fair Opens  
 9:00AM-6:00PM ..... Exhibit Building Open (Minden Curling Rink)  
 9:00AM-6:00PM ..... Fish Hatchery Demonstrations (Minden Curling Rink)  
 9:00AM-6:00PM ..... Wood Carvers (Minden Curling Rink)  
 9:00AM-6:00PM ..... Vendor Booths Open  
 9:00AM ..... Miniature & Light Horse Shows Begin  
 9:00AM-6:00PM ..... Canadian Armed Forces Demonstrations  
 10:00AM ..... Canadian Raptors Flight Demonstration  
 10:00AM-6:00PM ..... 24' Climbing Wall / 4 Man Olympic Joust  
 10:00AM-6:00PM ..... Circus Obstacle Course / Bounce Castle 4N1 Bouncer  
 10:00AM-5:00PM ..... Classic Car Show Open  
 11:00AM ..... Grandstand Entertainment Begins  
 11:00AM ..... Sheep Shearing Demonstration  
 11:00AM-5:00PM ..... Minden Hills Fire Department Demonstrations

12:00PM ..... Lawnmower Pull  
 12:00PM ..... Hospitality Tent Opens  
 12:00PM-10:00PM ..... Mechanical Bull  
 12:00PM-4:00PM ..... Free Children's Events – many games/events  
 1:30 PM ..... Children's Entertainer, Jake Differ "Music by Jake"  
 2:30PM ..... Children's Stories and Crafts  
 12:00PM ..... Canadian Raptor Flight Demonstration  
 1:00PM-3:00PM ..... Bingo (Quonset Hut)  
 1:00PM ..... Sheep Show Begins  
 1:30PM ..... Sheep Shearing Demonstration  
 2:00PM ..... Auction Begins (At the Horse Pull Ring)  
 2:00PM ..... Canadian Raptor Flight Demonstration  
 2:30PM ..... Canadian Buckeye Sled Championship Horse Pull Begins  
 7:30PM ..... Impact Motorsports Demolition Derby Begins

#### ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE...

#### LIVE AT THE GRANDSTAND

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2012**

6:00PM ..... Open Stage  
 7:00PM ..... Opening Ceremonies  
 7:15PM ..... MO & LO COMEDY DUO

8:00PM - Closing ..... FARON BROWN AND  
 5 BUCKS SHORT - Country Band

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012**

11:00AM - 1:00PM ..... THE BLACK FAMILY - Fiddlers & Stepdancers  
 1:00PM - 2:00PM ..... THE KELLET FAMILY - Bluegrass  
 2:00PM - 4:00PM ..... SUMMERWIND REUNION with Special Guest "Matt Duchene"  
 4:00PM - 5:00PM ..... THE COUNTRY HOT FLASHES & THE COLD SHOULDERS  
 5:00PM - Closing ..... OPEN STAGE - Showcase Your Talent with The Country Hot Flashes & The Cold Shoulders as your back up band

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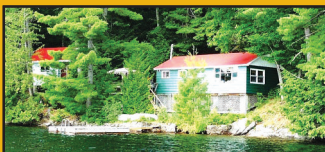
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**One of a Kind! \$399,000**

- Fantastic home close to town.
- Private lot, majestic pines, quality finishing.
- 3 BR, 3 bath, dbl att'd garage, huge covered porch
- Multiple walkouts to private deck & hot tub area.

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**Little Hawk Lake \$249,000**

- Charming 576 s.f. cottage plus 96 s.f. Bunkie
- Double private lot
- 3 ft at shore and sand bottom
- Walk in along hydro cut from assigned parking

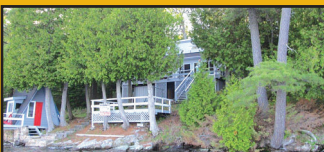
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**Hurricane Lake - 16 Acres \$184,900**

- Rolling Waterfront Acreage by Haliburton
- Private with variety of trees
- Electricity and Telephone Available
- Wonderful Views on Smaller Lake

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**Kennisis Lake Million \$\$\$ View \$490,000**

- 3 bdrm, 2 baths, fireplace, open concept
- Furnished, 3 decks, lg eat in kitchen
- Yr Rd, private, sun all day South exp
- Wide view of lake, deep water

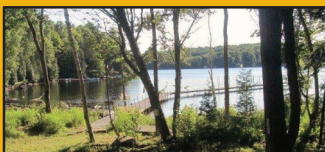
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**Maple Lk, 3 Lk Chain \$389,000**

- 2150 Sq Ft home/cottage, open concept
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, walkout rec room
- Hardwood floors, cathedral pine ceiling
- 150 ft water frontage, southern exposure

Mark Denny 457-2128 x 30



**Little Glamor \$165,000**

- Sunset view, 348 ft. of private water frontage
- Family-friendly 5.27 acres, pathways & small stream
- Beautifully treed gentle slope leveling at lake
- Yr. rnd. access, hydro, telephone & driveway in

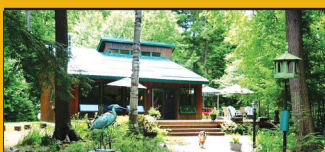
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**Minden 2 Bedroom Home \$159,000**

- Convenient highway 35 location
- Two bedrooms, Family Room
- Newer furnace, windows and roof
- Hardwood floors, 2 bath, walk to town.

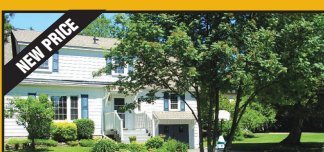
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**Pelaw River \$469,000**

- 223 ft waterfront and 3 bdrm
- Large flat lot, deep off dock
- Double car heated garage + loft
- In narrows between Pelaw and Redstone

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



**Beautiful Riverfront Home \$249,000**

- Original hardwood floors
- Many recent renovations
- Big back yard
- Walk to all amenities

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



**5 Lake Kashagawigamog Chain \$365,000**

- 254 ft. frontage, well treed, great privacy
- Gently sloping lot, miles of boating
- Super location, minutes to town
- Old log cottage with lots of charm

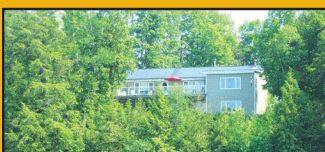
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**Drag Lake • \$439,900**

- Awesome big lake view, great frontage
- Charming 3 bedroom cottage, all in pine
- Super sleeping bunkie fully equipped
- Boat house at the shore

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 28



**Luxury Living on Miskwabi Lake - \$599,900**

- Beautifully renovated cottage/home
- 4+1 Bedrooms, 2 baths, full walkout bsmt
- Outstanding privacy, deep clean shoreline
- 2-lake chain, 15 mins. to Haliburton village

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**3.4 Acres Country Home \$249,000**

- 3 plus one bdrm, master ensuite
- Custom kitchen w/oak cabinetry
- 8 Separate dining rm & awesome sun porch
- Newer windows & double detached garage.

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



**Hunter Creek Estates \$94,500**

- Comfortable 2 BRs & 2 Bath home
- Bright & spacious with Sunroom
- Paved drive with garage & workshop
- Land lease incl. gbg p/u & snow removal

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



**Bat Lake \$749,900**

- 4300 Sq ft. executive home 3 Km from Minden.
- 96 acres with waterfront access to Bat Lake.
- Barn, Sugar Shack, Chicken coop, Wood shed.
- Total privacy, ATV trails, canoeing and fishing.

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



**Head Lake \$599,900**

- 3 bedroom bungalow on 5 lake chain
- Private well treed gently sloping lot
- Hardwood floors, propane fireplace, main floor laundry
- Screened porch, finished rec room, full walkout basement

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**Haliburton Home \$178,000**

- Updated & renovated 4 Bedroom home
- Walk out basement
- Established rental income
- Walk to Kashagawigamog Lake

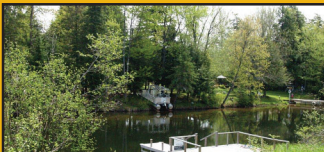
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**Stormy Lake \$479,500**

- Almost Perfect!
- 3 bdrms, sunrm., formal living rm.
- Cozy woodstove, lots of storage
- Level lot, turnkey property

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



**Boat to Gull Lake \$112,500**

- Great swimming and boating
- Close to town hospital & shopping
- Hydro is in - dock is in
- Beautiful private lot, gently sloped to the water

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



**Absolutely Turnkey \$279,000**

- Year round cottage/home on Irondale River
- 3 bed, 1 bath completed in 2011
- Open concept, hardwood/ceramic flooring
- Full deck front, large, level & landscaped yard

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



**Room to Roam • \$189,000**

- Upgraded 3 bedroom home
- 18 acres surrounded by natural forest
- Double garage & loft
- Just 10 mins from Haliburton Village

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**Large Acreage \$68,500**

- Scenic 23-acres with rock outcroppings
- Adjoining the Jimmy Cooper Lookout Trail,
- Fronting on North Shore & Mifflin Rds.
- Several lakes nearby. Great location!

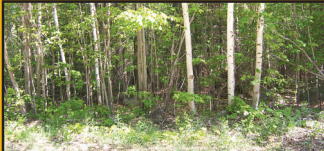
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**Bird Lake \$378,500**

- Immaculate 3 bedroom; full fin bsmt
- 178' frontage with great privacy
- Sandy beach and south exposure
- Turn-key property. A must see!

Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128 x 27



**Eagle Lake Area Lots**

- Two Great Lots to Choose From
- Close to Skiing, public beach, shopping and restaurants
- 2.1 acres for \$25,000. & 3.95 acres for \$26,000.
- Year Round Road, Hydro & Phone @ Lot Line

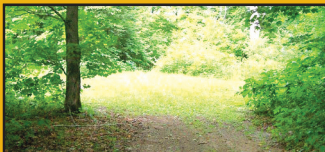
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**Bob Lake \$399,900**

- 3 bedroom year round cottage
- 340' of private waterfront
- 18 acres to explore
- sunny Southwest exposure

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



**Acreage \$67,000**

- 11.69 acres, year-round access
- Various building sites
- Close to Glamor Lake
- 15 minutes to Haliburton

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



**Large Acreage \$68,500**

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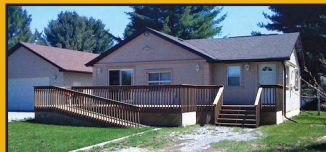
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# Best-selling author shares intimate evening in the Highlands

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

It felt like having Robert Rotenberg in your living room.

Just a few friends and the best-selling author, chatting about books over lattes and fresh baked goods.

A Highlands cottager and criminal lawyer in Toronto, Rotenberg shared stories of his life and writing career to a packed crowd at Heritage House Café on Aug. 7.

The author of three published novels, with a fourth about to be released, Rotenberg read from his criminal thrillers and answered questions about his life and craft.

His first published book, *Old City Hall*, simultaneously takes place in Toronto and Haliburton County, where Rotenberg describes familiar places through descriptive narrative.

When asked if he's actually visited the places mentioned in the novels, the writer said doing research for the book is one of

his favourite elements of the entire process.

"I try to make everything as real as possible and then put my characters in those places. Most of my research is just walking around," he said.

Featuring detailed characters with complex stories, such as detective Ari Greene and defense counsel Nancy Parish, people described in the book are not modeled after specific individuals, but amalgamations of people Rotenberg knows.

A champion of libraries and their importance to a community, Rotenberg's books are stocked in all of Toronto's public libraries and in the branches throughout Haliburton County.

Yet don't count on getting your hands on a copy just yet, as was pointed out by Haliburton County librarian Bessie Sullivan.

With more than 200 holds on Rotenberg's books at libraries throughout the city and holds in Haliburton, "you actually can't get a copy," said Sullivan.

Perhaps in an effort to entice the crowd, who were familiar with Rotenberg's pub-

lished novels, the author read excerpts from his yet to be released book.

Written primarily at Rotenberg's Haliburton cottage, the story is currently typed up on loose-leaf paper within a three-ringed binder.

One of the most crucial elements to starting a new book is writing the lead, said Rotenberg, as well as creating a believable setting and rich characters.

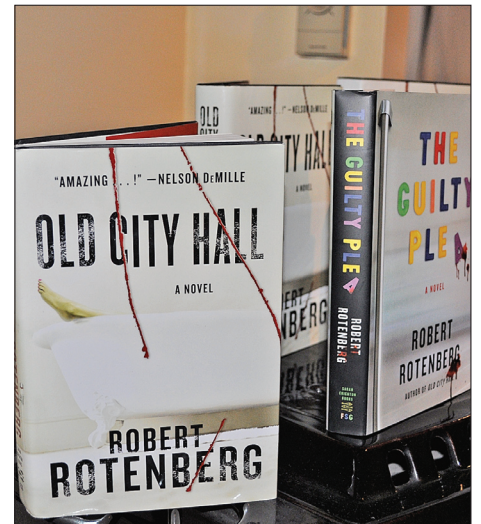
"I think your job as a writer is to listen and observe."

Also a part-time writing instructor, Rotenberg believes there is only so much that can be taught.

"There's a lot you can learn but it always comes back to writing a great story," he said.

Grateful for the career he's had and the opportunities afforded to him, Rotenberg hopes to continue putting pen to paper and entertaining readers with his intricate stories.

"I've always dreamed of having a night like this [in Haliburton]. Let's meet again in a year and talk about the new book."



Angelica Blenich Staff

Highlands cottager Robert Rotenberg is the author of three best selling crime novels, with a fourth on the way. The writer visited Heritage House Café on Aug. 7 to read from his books and talk about his writing career.

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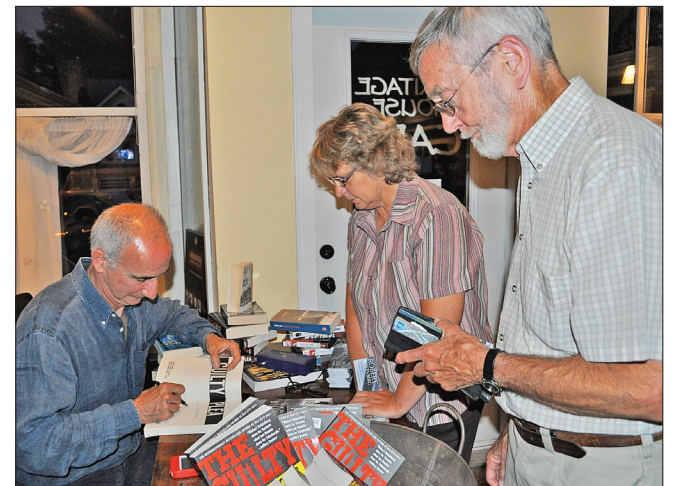
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Robert Rotenberg signs one of his published novels, *The Guilty Plea*, for fans at Heritage House Café on Aug. 7.



Best-selling author and criminal lawyer Robert Rotenberg shares from his most recently published novel, *Stray Bullets*, at Heritage House Café. A Highlands cottager, Rotenberg read parts from his yet to be released fourth novel. The writer also answered questions from the crowd, who packed the café.

# AN OPEN LETTER TO CANADIAN TV VIEWERS

Bell Canada already owns CTV, TSN, Discovery Channel and MuchMusic. Now, it wants to buy yet another competitor, Astral Media Inc., the company that provides HBO Canada, The Movie Network, Family, Viewers Choice, and many other popular TV channels.

If approved by Ottawa, this giant new company would own a staggering 79 TV channels, 107 radio stations, and more than 100 websites. Its TV viewing audience would be twice as large as its nearest competitor.

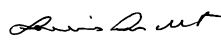
The federal government will soon decide whether to allow this deal to go ahead. We believe the deal should be stopped, because it will be bad for consumers and bad for Canada. Here's why you should be concerned:

1. Few of the world's major economies permit a single private broadcaster to acquire such a dominant share of TV viewing. Bell Canada's TV audience share would be 50% greater than the audience share of the largest private firms in the USA, Japan, UK, Australia, France or even Russia. Allowing one company to attain such a dominant position would move Canada in the direction of countries like Italy, Brazil and Mexico.
2. If Bell Canada controls all the most popular content, they could charge you whatever they want to watch it.
3. To get popular channels, you could face pressure to pay for other Bell Canada channels that you are not interested in watching.
4. To watch popular programs, you may be pressured to buy other Bell Canada phone, wireless, Internet and TV services.
5. We believe this deal would result in the creation of fewer original Canadian programs, and therefore fewer jobs in Canadian TV production.
6. Advertising rates could also go up - costs that eventually get passed on to consumers.

We are speaking out against this deal because we believe it would be harmful to Canadian broadcasting and communications - to our companies, to our employees, to our investors. But it is your voices that matter most, not ours.

If you don't like what this deal will mean for you, and if you agree that healthy competition keeps prices in check, creates more jobs, and leads to better service, tell Ottawa to say no to Bell Canada's acquisition of Astral Media Inc., and yes to healthy competition.

To make your voice heard, go to [saynotobell.ca](http://saynotobell.ca).



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# The forest comes to life with art



Sandy Slote's oil painting *Back Line* stands under dappled light at her house on the Tour de Forest artisans tour on Aug. 4. The tour is a showcase of local artists in pottery, textiles and visual arts (to name a few) and was from Aug. 4 to 5.



An event goer looks through Barbara Joy Peel's work, which includes pottery and sterling jewelry, on the Tour de Forest artisans tour on Saturday, Aug. 4.



Donna Bisschop's leather sculpture *Leather Lily* stands in her garden at her studio.



Susan MacDonald's textile piece *Pleasure* blows in the wind under a canopy of trees at Barbara Joy Peel's studio.

## Reads of the week

### Book of the Week

*Magnified World* by Grace O'Connell

Maggie has grown up in Toronto, living and working in her family's New Age shop. Her mother has always seemed a bit "off" but when she drowns herself in the Don River, it becomes clear that her mental instability ran deeper than her family suspected. The tragedy marks the beginning of Maggie's own decline, beginning with unexplained black-outs. This coincides with the appearance of a strange man named Gil, who claims he can help her. Maggie can't seem to decide whether she is developing the kind of mental disorder that plagued her mother, or whether her condition is a manifestation of grief. Is Gil a hallucination, a ghost ... or is he real? And what does he want from her? Don't let the heavy subject matter of this novel deter you; *Magnified World* by Grace O'Connell definitely provides a gentle, whimsical and thoughtful treatment of an otherwise dark premise. Let yourself be charmed by *Magnified World* by placing a request at your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

### Junior Book of the Week — Young Adult Title

*Divergent* by Veronica Roth

*Divergent* is set in a dystopian version of Chicago, in

which the city's population has been divided into five distinct factions. Every citizen must belong to one faction, and each faction is immersed in and completely dedicated to the cultivation of one particular virtue – Candor (honesty), Abnegation (selflessness), Dauntless (bravery) Amity (peacefulness), and Erudite (intelligence). When sixteen year old Beatrice Prior takes an aptitude test that will situate her in the faction she is meant to join, she is shocked to learn that she doesn't belong in one faction, but rather has traits pertaining to three. The unusual results classifies her as Divergent, something that is so dangerous, her very life could be threatened. Veronica Roth's *Divergent* is a fast paced, romantic thriller, available to be reserved (along with its recently released sequel *Insurgent*) from Haliburton County Public Library today.



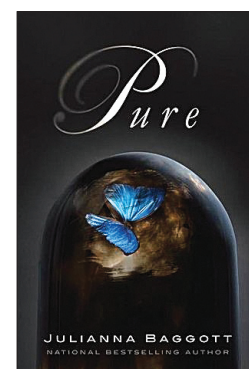
### Local Celebrity Read

Tessa Iles, recent graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and soon-to-be Queen's science student this fall, is reading *Pure* by Julianna Baggott. "*Pure* is a post-apocalyptic dystopian novel," explains Iles. "The Earth has recently been ravaged by Det-



onations, causing the inhabitants to fuse with whatever object, people, or animals were nearby at the time. Only a small number of the population were unharmed and live within the Dome and are called 'Pures'.

"The novel is very dark and twisted but very intriguing," Iles concludes. "It took me awhile to get into the novel, but once I did I couldn't put it down. I really enjoyed reading about how each character came to terms with their mutations and survived such a harsh world."



### News & Events

Watch as reptiles take over your library! On Monday, Aug. 20, Reptiles at Risk will be visiting the Minden branch (10:30 a.m.) and the Dysart branch (2 p.m.). Stop by to meet some snakes, turtles and more!

All featured books available at

**Haliburton County Public Library**

# Earthly delights

Earth is the fourth show of the Five Elements Exhibit celebrating The Art Hive's fifth anniversary. Potter Sharon Lynch and fibre artists Dianne Mathes, Rita Benson and Sandi Luck will be showcasing new works exploring aspects of land, flora and fauna. Benson and Mathes create fibre nests from wool and natural materials ... and woodland critters such as chipmunks, bears and birds. They also design felt tapestries depicting the landscapes and beauty of nature.

Lynch's new pottery designs celebrate the colours of Earth's gardens, grasses and sky using underglazes over speckle stoneware. The rich textures of Mother Earth undulate over the ceramic surfaces, inviting touch. Clay, by nature, is from the earth and Lynch's pieces strive to excite

the viewer to its many possibilities, both lovely and useful.

Natural indigo dyes and eco bundled flower prints are used by Luck for some of the pieces she will be showcasing. "I love bright colours and didn't want to use the brown tones normally associated with earth, so my inspiration is earth as seen from space with a lot of greens and blues." Luck has created felt vessels incorporating natural elements such as stone and wood as well as wearables that are decorated with clay buttons made by Lynch.

The Earth Elements show opens at The Art Hive Saturday, Aug. 18 and runs to Aug. 31, 10239 Hwy 118, between West Guilford and Carnarvon.

The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. -Submitted



Earth-inspired art will be on display and for sale at the Art Hive as part of the Earth Elements show Aug. 18 to 31. Pictured: a hand-felted wool vessel incorporating twigs by artist Sandi Luck.

# Bereavement network helps those who are grieving

For about a year, the Haliburton Highlands Bereavement Network has been meeting regularly to try to plan more ways to support individuals and families who are grieving.

The network, made up of caring people and service providers who understand the importance of grief support and dedicated to providing bereavement assistance to the residents of Haliburton County, has taken a first step of centralizing information regarding bereavement support in Haliburton County.

That means people in the county can find the information they need at a single access point.

The journey through grief is different for all of us ... we all take our own path.

Learning how to grieve healthily, and to mourn so that you can learn to live in the absence of your loved one, is no simple task.

Yet with accurate information, sufficient time and proper support, most mourners can accomplish this painful but necessary task. We know that unresolved grief can result in depression, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Children and young adults find death and grieving particularly difficult and are often left out of the grieving process. We can never underestimate the impact of grief as it is the strongest emotion we deal with as humans.

To assist the Bereavement Network with

their single point of access, SIRCH Community Services has added a link to their website where people can find information about bereavement services in the community.

You simply go to the site [www.sirch.on.ca](http://www.sirch.on.ca), and click on Programs and Services; then on the tab "Bereavement." The first page lists the services offered at SIRCH, such as one-to-one grief support through trained and experienced volunteers, and a resource library with books, CDs and DVDs. Then, on that page, you can click on Bereavement: in Haliburton County and get an up to date listing of the supports available in the county and who provides them.

Those include support groups, community resources, practical support (meals, transportation etc), and any bereavement educational events.

"It is wonderful that people in Haliburton Highlands who are grieving and are looking for support can go to one site to get the information they need. Good work. This will help so many people in the county," said Garry Swagerman, a member of the Haliburton Highlands Bereavement Network.

SIRCH will be updating this site on a regular basis and welcomes input and feedback.

For more information contact Marilyn Rydberg at [marilyn\\_rydberg@sirch.on.ca](mailto:marilyn_rydberg@sirch.on.ca) or 705-457-1742 ext. 30.

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# D is for Dowsing, don'tcha know

Maybelle's



**Fireside stories**

Why, if my whole life didn't just turn on a dime. That's right. Ol' Maybelle just learned something new that's reeeaaally old! And that has some folks rolling their eyes like gyrating mar-

bles. Why even Twindle Mumbly gave me one of those, "You've got to be kidding" looks, when I told him about it. But, never mind. It got my synapses sparking, and that's a good thing. It's called: Dowsing, don'tcha know.

Here's what happened ...

Vilma Yuccch was on her way to the annual Rockhound Jemboree in Bancroft and stopped by my cottage to abduct

me. That's right. She rendered ol' Maybelle helpless with just a few words. Now be careful when you read them because I can't guarantee you won't fall under their spell.

She said: "Maybelle, come with me and I'll buy you a double scoop of Death by Chocolate Kawartha Dairy ice cream with hot fudge sauce all over it."

THAT was IT. She could have taken me to the dump, and I woulda been grateful.

Well, before I knew it, we were walking down the aisle at the Bancroft Curling Club surrounded by tables and tables of multi-coloured gems, jewelry and fossils, and I don't mean more Maybelles, don'tcha know.

Why, everywhere we looked folks were gob-struck over the gems ... asking about them ... buying them ... holding them up to their eyes to see if they matched. Now to me, that alone was worth the drive from Lake Whaddyathinklmean ... and I hadn't even eaten my Kawartha ice cream yet!

But the best was yet to come.

Way in the back of the hall in a quiet

secluded area was a seminar about to begin ... on Dowsing.

Now, before I go on, here are a few tidbits about the "D" word.

You ever see a picture of somebody standing in a field holding a Y or L-shaped twig (or rod) in his hands and looking like he's trying to find something? Well, THAT'S someone who's dowsing ... a type of divining used to find ground water, buried metals or ores, gemstones, oil, or even gravesites ... plus all kinds of other things WITH-OUT using any scientific gadgets. And it's been around since the Renaissance days. That's BEFORE Elvis, don'cha know.

Why, Vilma was so excited, she practically tore down the canvas curtain entrance that led to where 15 people were waiting for the seminar to begin.

Then, spot on 12:45 p.m., Susan Collins, past President of the Dowsing Association of Canada appeared handing out small packets to everyone.

Inside was a washer attached to a piece of string. Not much to write home about, but guess what? You can also dowse with

a pendulum and ask yes or no questions about all sorts of things, even: Is this chocolate bar really healthy for me to eat?

(An answer you may not WANT to know.)

Oh there's a lot more to it than I can write about here. But I can tell you this ... after reading her little book, *Dowsing that Works - Use a Protocol to Get Results*, and using a real pendulum that I bought at the Jemboree ... ol' Maybelle is a whole lot clearer about a whole bunch of things.

As for learning how to move water from an underground area to an empty well ... I thought I might learn how to do that with my savings account first, don'tcha know.

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).*

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## Tag Day a Huge Success

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary members were all over town for their annual Tag Day. More than \$4,000 was raised and all money goes towards the purchase of equipment for the Haliburton hospital and Highland Wood. Many thanks to the merchants and community who once again supported this worthy cause. Left, auxiliary president Tracy Lear and board member/gift shop convenor Bob McKay are satisfied with a job well done. Carolyn Beebee and Lynda Newton were the main organizers. /Photo submitted

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# Annual regatta gets heated

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A canoeist drives for the finish line in the open canoe race.



Some participants gave a helping shove to stay cool during the hot day.



Competitors throw water balloons in a bid to win the water balloon toss at the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association 53rd annual regatta on Saturday, Aug. 4. The Release and Catch trophy, which was named and made in memory of Cal Moffat, was the prize for the event.

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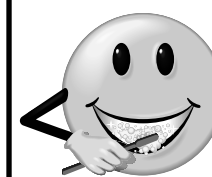
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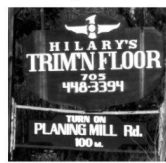
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Abbey Gardens continues to grow next door to us. The gardens are producing flowers as well as vegetables in their extensive plots. The actual building has been fascinating to watch, especially the lifting by the large crane of the pre-constructed roof onto the building proper.

The students of the Fleming College Sustainable Build-

ing Program have been constructing the store building in preparation for the Abbey Gardens team to complete and equip the store and commercial kitchen over the course of the winter.

What began with John Patterson's vision of the gardens is becoming reality and it is exciting to see it becoming reality.

It's never too late to accept help offered by Community Care. Someone says that no matter how ill or hurt you are you still need to be fed. Meals on Wheels answers that need.

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Euchre scores for Aug. 7 high - Roslin Cocot and Henk van Nood. Low - Cheryl Clarke and Bill Geddes. Most lone hands - Ron Bain and Doug Vipond.

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### County of Haliburton Hike Haliburton Opportunities

Hike Haliburton is seeking to engage the local community in the organization of the 2012 Hike Haliburton Festival scheduled for September 20-23.

Local businesses are invited to indicate their interest in providing any of the following services: catering for barbeque, sound technical services, and signage production.

Local community groups and service clubs looking for fundraising opportunities are invited to indicate their interest in running a concession at one of the several Festival events.

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Pat Taylor captured this photo of a barred owl.



"We have an abundance of hummingbirds here on Kennisis Lake and I managed to capture this female ruby-throated hummingbird in flight," wrote Janice Hardy.



### Municipality of Highlands East Household Hazardous Waste Events

**Location: Gooderham Transfer Station (Ward 3) Located at 1042 McColl's Road (just outside Gooderham)**

**Date: Saturday, August 18th, 2012**

**Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Please present your valid Waste Disposal Card to the attendant

**Location: Faraday Public Works Yard- Household Hazardous Waste Site Located at 29860 Hwy. 28 South (across from the intersection of Monck Road & Hwy. 28)**

**Dates: September 22nd, 2012**

**Times: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Contact the Environmental Department at 613-339-2442 if you have any questions regarding Household Hazardous Waste in the Municipality of Highlands East

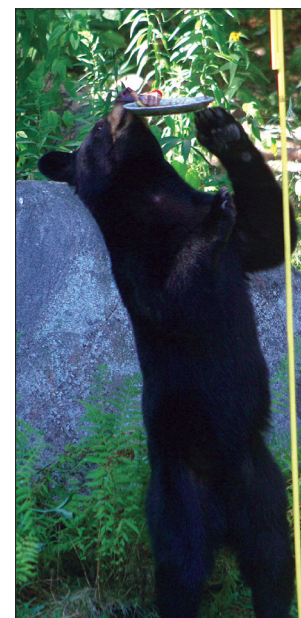
## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of ALIDA WILHELMINA DEWEY, deceased. All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Alida Wilhelmina Dewey, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 26th day of May, 2011, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned Solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 7th day of September, 2012.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executors for the Estate being CARL LAWRENCE DEWEY and DARLENE SHARP, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day of August, 2012 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0

Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of ALIDA WILHELMINA DEWEY.



"We had our little visitor come by again. We think it is one of the cubs that came with mom in the spring, but is now on his own," wrote Linda Heeps.



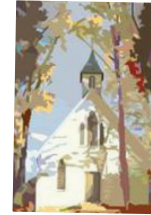
Tom Mals sent in this photo of a chipmunk raiding a peanut bowl at his place in the Halls Lake area.

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**TIME: 2:00 (PRIOR TO CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE PULL)**

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## ANNUAL Decoration Day SERVICES

**GELERT CEMETERY**

**WILL BE HELD ON**  
**August 19th, 2012**  
**AT 3:00 PM**

**Please bring lawn chairs**  
**Thank you**

# community calendar

What's happening in the County

**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or**

**to the  Haliburton Highlands**

**Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**

**Haliburton Village Ghost Walks** Every Monday and Wednesday in July and August, 7:00pm Walks start at the Heritage Cafe (Park St. up from United Church) and end at McKeck's. Adults \$10, Children (6-12) \$5.

**The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. New members welcome. For more information call Pat Maulson at 705-286-6042

**Anyone Interested** in running the trails of Haliburton county or learning to trail run call Oliver Fisher 705-457-6610

**Every Friday - August 31: Haliburton Farmers Market** located in Carnarvon near the intersection of hwy 118 and hwy 35 The market will be open every Friday from 1 to 5.

**August 14:** Qigong and Gentle Yoga in the Head Lake Park this Summer Wednesday mornings from 7:30 – 8:30 am Meet at the front doors of the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library By financial donation to Heritage Ballets 2012 Ballet Adventure For more information check out [www.haliburtonyoga.com](http://www.haliburtonyoga.com)

**August 15:** Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library AFTERNOON TEA AND AUTHOR EVENT. 3pm Dysart Library Branch. Heather A Clark, author of Chai Tea Sunday, will be featured. \$10:00 at Master's Book Store, Pharmasave, Minden or phone 704 447-2402

**August 15:** Float Your Hull Down The Gull at Rotary Park at 6 PM with something to float on. Make It Minden!

**August 18:** HCSA 6th Annual Fundraising golf Tournament located at Lakeside Golf Course registration at 1:30pm call 705-754-2110

**August 18:** Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 host an evening of music and dancing to Zoe Chilco & the Haliburton Houserockers at 8:00 pm. \$10 per person for more info call 705-286-4541.

**August 22:** Join the Horticultural Society that works so hard to keep the flower beds beautiful in Minden. Join the group in the Village Green downtown to learn about the talents and their youth program. Make It Minden!

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to [jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca](mailto:jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca) or brought in to the office.

**Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.**

**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

# Wilberforce fair educational and entertaining

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

The 20th anniversary celebrations of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost as an historic house museum take place at the Outpost on Wednesday, Aug. 15 beginning at 7 p.m. All welcome.

The annual Decoration Day and Memorial Service at the historic Essonville church is Sunday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.

Always a fine service of remembrance.

Power failures, mud puddles and rain that ranged from showers to downpours didn't keep the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair from being educational and very entertaining.

Congratulations to the organizers and the many volunteers who provided such varied experiences for all ages. Loved the goats, the oxen, the real cow and the model, the lambs and the ducks – especially the goats. Lots of great entries in most categories and so many good things and meals to eat. Again thanks for a fine fair.

If you enjoy great music and talented performers with

amazing voices you try to take in some of the Haliburton Opera School concerts this month. There are at least 16 very talented young professional opera singers involved this year. In addition to all their lessons they are performing in several productions. There is one opera excerpts concert still upcoming on Aug. 15 and several performances of *The Tragedie of Carmen* and the *The Magic Flute* later this month.

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The Festival phone number is 705-457-9933.

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## Come and play darts Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.



### Legion br. 624

Jan Simon PRO  
Wilberforce Legion

Weekly Events Aug. 13 to Aug. 19

Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.

Tuesday General Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday Darts 7:30 p.m.

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.

Jam Session 7 p.m. – Come to play

or listen to great music.

Saturday Third annual Motorcycle Fundraiser Ride – register 9 a.m. – Legion. First bikes leave 10 a.m. \$20/ rider - \$10/passenger. Ride via Bonnechere region of area – Barry's Bay – Wilno, etc. Afternoon music by the 50/50 – Gord Kidd – Country Rock.

Meat Draw 2 to 5 p.m.



The Crosscuts, led by Tom Coghlan with Andy, Phil and Lyle performed at the recent golf tournament. /Photo submitted



First place winners of the Best Ball Golf Tournament, with a score of 35: Shayne Liberty, Neil Liberty, Wayne Burmaster and Ron Muirhead. /Photo submitted

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#### Requirements:

- Post secondary education in a related field and/or experience working with women in crisis
- Proven ability to deal effectively with crisis situations and to provide support from a woman centered perspective
- Ability to work alone and within a team
- Ability to work within YWCA Reason for Being, Values and Policies/Procedures and legislative requirements
- Familiar with violence against women issues and committed to anti-oppression learning
- Ability to work shifts on weekends, evenings, holidays and overnights as scheduled and on short notice. Must live within an hour's drive of Minden.
- Car, valid driver's license and appropriate insurance required
- Ability to attend relevant training as required
- Effective verbal and written communication skills in English with other languages, including ASL, an asset
- Computer skills in Microsoft Word, e-mail, Outlook, and internet
- Non-Violent Crisis Prevention and Intervention and CPR/First Aid Certificates an asset

A full job description is available at the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County, at 11 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, Ontario or can be sent to you electronically upon request by e-mailing us at: [ywcahal@bellnet.ca](mailto:ywcahal@bellnet.ca).

Forward cover letter with your resume, by 1:00pm, August 27, 2012 to:

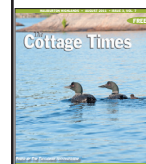
Darlene Smith-Harrison, YWCA Outreach Service Coordinator  
YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County,  
P.O. Box 348, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

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## Deaths

**MacDUFF, Preston Carl** - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, August 3, 2012. In his 82nd year. Beloved husband of the late Maxine (nee Ackley) (1998). Dear father of Carl and his wife Shirley, Debbie, Louise and Howard. Loving grandfather of Dianne and Jason, great grandfather of Austin and Rod. Dear brother of Charlotte, Kenneth, Elgin, Marie and predeceased by Violet, Marjorie and George. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. In accordance to Preston's wishes, private family visitation will be held at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Then to the Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham for a Private Family Graveside Service and Interment. Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.  
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## Deaths

**ROBERTS, Marie Jane Roberts - Longtime Employee of the Kozy Korner Restaurant (1941-1984)** Passed away peacefully at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Thursday, August 2, 2012 with her family by her side. In her 92nd year. Daughter of the late Marg and Arnold Roberts and dear sister of the late Lydia "Leda" Roberts. "2nd Mom" to Pat Cowen of Haliburton, like a sister to Ray and Loreen O'Neill, Dale Robertson (all deceased), Delaine (Gerry-deceased on Aug. 5, 2012) Dyer of Nestleton, like a grandmother to Kelly and Sheldon Stevenson, and Jamie and Laura Cowen and great grandmother to Brooke and Bo, Summer and James. A wonderful cousin to many and a friend to all. The family would like to thank the staff at Extendicare and the Palliative Care Volunteers for all the care they have provided. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Haliburton United Church on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00 am. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception to follow back in the Church Hall. Memorial Donations to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers or to the Alzheimers Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0.  
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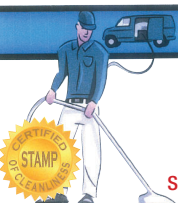
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## Deaths

**MOON, Beryl Helena Blythe (nee Blair)** - Passed away peacefully at Extencicare, Haliburton on Friday, August 10, 2012. At the age of 84. Beloved wife of the late Joe Brohm (1960) and the late Jim Moon (1998). Beryl is also predeceased by her sisters Berniece Stewart and Ruby Cooper, and by her brothers Joe Blair and Glen Blair. Lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Delores "Sis" Blair, by her "2 Best Buddies" Lila Cooper and Margo McCrea, by her "2 Kitties" Josie and Bill who she dearly loved, and by her family and friends. In accordance with Beryl's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Private Family Interment Service will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Norland. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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## Graduations

## Deaths

**STUART, John David** - After an illness in the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, with his wife Velma by his side, in his 76th year. John Stuart was the beloved husband of Velma Stuart (nee Parker). Loving father of Karen Coons (Doug Devitt), Sandra Brinklow (Dale), Janet Stuart (Danny Barr), Heather Stuart and Marielaine Mackie (Jim). Loved grandfather of Andrew Coons (Lucy), Emily Mackie, Cianna Stuart (Ryan Hancock), Dani Stuart and great grandfather of Robyn Coons. Dear brother of Robert "Bob" (Marion). Predeceased by his parents Joe and Eliza Stuart. John will be remembered by many other relatives and friends. Visitation will be held at the **MACKEY FUNERAL HOME**, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay, on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be held in the chapel on Friday, August 10th at 11 a.m. Interment at the Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online donations or condolences may be made at [www.mackeys.ca](http://www.mackeys.ca)

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*A million times I've needed you  
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If love could have saved you  
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Things we feel most deeply  
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My dearest one, I loved you,  
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## Graduations

### Congratulations Justine Bourgeois

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## Deaths

**WALMSLEY, J. Omar** — passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at Lakeridge Health Oshawa. Omar was born November 12, 1925 to missionary parents in Chengdu, West China. At age 18, he moved to Canada where he lived his adult life in Maidstone SK, Port Hope, North York, Beaverton, Haliburton and most recently Pickering ON. Omar leaves behind his wife Liz Doble, children Stephen (Linda), David (Dianne) and Ruth Walmsley (Tim), and step-children Laura (Darrell) and Eric (Lori). He is sadly missed by his grandchildren, Graham Walmsley, Thea Walmsley and Shaun Bartoo, and step-grandchildren Jeremy Jones, Charity Morley, Shawn Jones and Dylan Cook. A visitation will be held on Friday August 10, 6-8pm and a funeral service and reception on Saturday August 11 at 10am at the Simple Alternative Funeral Centre, 1057 Brock Road, Pickering. 905-686-5589. A guest book may be signed online at [www.mountpleasantgroup.com](http://www.mountpleasantgroup.com) In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and Doctors Without Borders.

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Who went to be with Jesus  
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our eyes shall see  
Your sweet face now kept in  
memory.

Sadly missed and fondly  
remembered  
by Mom and Dad,  
Faye and David McPhail

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*There's an open gate at the end of the road,  
Through which each one must go alone;  
And there is a light we cannot see  
Our Father claims His own.  
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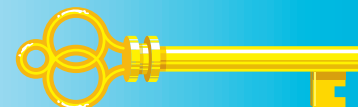
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HaliburtonRealEstateTeam

Your Key to  
Haliburton Highlands  
Real Estate



## KENNISIS LAKE

Beautiful custom built timber frame on West Shore. 3 acres, 200' frtg. Every luxury is here!  
**\$2,395,000.**



## HALIBURTON LAKE

14.3 ac family retreat/rental property. Lovely large 2 Sty home plus 5 cabins. 540ft fantastic shoreline. One of a kind!  
**\$1,100,000.**



## WENONA LAKE CUSTOM

Stunning cottage or home. Private lot 270' frtg. West exposure. Bunkie for 5. Utmost quality & features. Must be seen!  
**\$849,000.**



## SPRUCE LAKE STUNNING

729ft clean magnificent shoreline, 13+ Ac, Level/point lot, N/W views, Beautiful reno'd cottage.  
**\$775,000.**



## ESSON LAKE

Unique island property with causeway to access your own Private paradise. Panoramic views. 975ft shoreline, excellent swimming, boating & fishing. 3000sf viceroxy.  
**\$649,999.**



## LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE

Private 270' frtg. 3BR, Sunroom, dbl grg, Sauna. Docking system.  
**\$619,000.**



## SOYERS LAKE

Tucked away in quiet Bay. Impressive dbl grg/workshop. 5BR home/cottage. All day sun. Load of features!  
**\$599,000.**



## KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

Custom built 3 BR. Level lot, view west. Vaulted ceiling, 2 fps, recroom Deck, scr porch, dbl att garage. Shows pride of ownership!  
**\$519,900.**



## STUNNING HALIBURTON LAKE

Gorgeous level lot, breathtaking view & sand beach. Home/cottage, boathouse, Bunkie w/ carport & workshop.  
**\$469,000.**



## COMMERCIAL BUILDING

High traffic main st. location. Large building with showroom, dbl garage, Storage area, living quarters, rental unit, & ample parking.  
**\$469,000.**



## DRAG LAKE ACREAGES

82 Ac awesome privacy & views.  
**\$450,000.**  
13 Ac fantastic 1400ft shoreline  
**\$410,000.**



## HALBIEM HOME

Custom brick home w/docking on the 5 lake chain. Lake view, beautiful lot, 3+1BR, Dbl garage, charming insul.workshop & many more features.  
**\$394,000.**



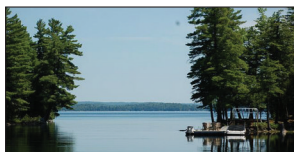
## HALIBURTON LAKE

Prime level lot with 110' rippled sand beach. Older original 3br cottage & 2 storey boathouse.  
**\$359,900.**



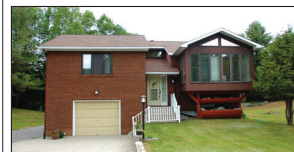
## REDSTONE LAKE

Great value opportunity! Clean sand/rock shoreline. 3BR, 4 season, sunroom, dbl garage & more!  
**\$358,800.**



## KENNISIS LAKE LOTS

2 lots in quiet Bay  
4.5 Ac/263' **\$299,900.**  
0.8 Ac/225' **\$319,900.**



## TED'S LAKE

3br solid brick bungalow in private park-like setting. Sunroom, recroom, fp, att & det garage/workshop.  
**\$299,900.**



## BOYNE LAKE

Privacy assured with 341 ft & 2.47 acre level lot. Custom built home or cottage 3 br/4pc. Spacious livingrm w/ woodstove. Electric/wood cookstove in kitchen. Sunroom.  
**\$259,900.**



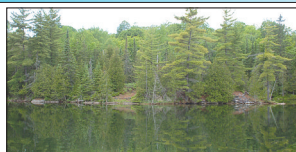
## COUNTY ROAD 21

Mid-way Haliburton/Minden spacious home & 24x24 garage on 5 acre lot.  
**\$239,900.**



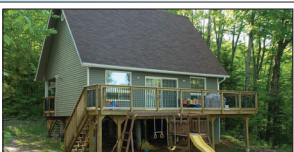
## 16 AC GROWLER LAKE

Privacy assured with 413 ft shoreline. South/west exposure. Dock & cabin installed for overnight camping.  
**\$239,000.**



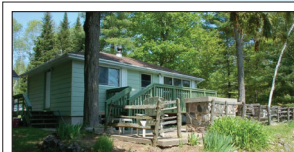
## SAM'S LAKE

Beautiful 5 Ac lot & 1000 ft lovely shoreline. Private, point lot. Good fishing, quiet lake.  
**\$229,000. + HST**



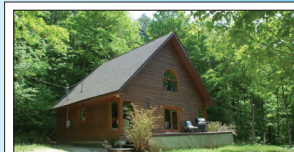
## COTTAGE & BUNKIE

Newly renovated. 2BR + Bunkie. Bright, neat & clean. Sunny level lot. Drilled well & septic. Trooper Lake.  
**\$229,000.**



## TROOPER LAKE

Clean shoreline, pretty lot. Quaint 2BR cottage & bunkie. Use year round. Workshop. Yr Rnd Access.  
**\$227,000.**



## GLEN LAKE AREA

3 bedrm Chalet on 3 treed ac w/ pond. Private retreat for cottage or living. Near skiing and lakes.  
**\$199,900.**



## BARRY LINE HOME

Bright n' clean 2BR home. Private lot, park-like setting. Full bsmt w/ recroom. Storage shed/barn/garage.  
**\$196,000.**



## NICE N' PRIVATE

2+1BR cedar sided bungalow on 4.7 Ac Glamor Lk Rd, Landscaped, trails, Double Garage, full basement.  
**\$179,900.**



## GULL RIVER

Charming riverfront 2BR home on level lot. Neat, clean package close to Minden.  
**\$179,000.**



## FEATURE-FULL HOME

R2000 Home in Gooderham. Bright. Full Bsmt, Insul Dbl Grg, generator & panel, alarm system & more!  
**\$169,000.**



## OWN YOUR OWN!

Great little starter home. 2+1BR, 4pc. Full Bsmt, Dr. Well, Septic. Irondale.  
**\$118,000.**



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## WATERFRONT LOTS & ACREAGES

Hwy118/Jim Beef Lake 140 Ac.....	\$158,900.	Growler Lake - 56 Acres.....	\$269,000.
Growler Lake Lot - 505 ft frontage.....	\$209,000+TX	Mountain Lake -78 Acres.....	\$269,900.
Gull River - 8.8 Acres.....	\$129,900.	Irondale River - 6.49 Acres.....	\$39,900.
Sam's Lake - 5 Ac.....	\$229,000.+TX	Drag Lake 82 Ac.....	\$450,000.
Drag Lake 13 Ac.....	\$410,000.	Kennisis Lake 4.5 Ac.....	\$299,900.
Kennisis Lake 225' frtg.....	\$319,900.	Growler Lake - 16 Ac.....	NEW \$239,000.